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Locating the middle school is one proposal for the Hill Lumber site.

Council wants answers from AUSD

District's plan to purchase Hill site disputed

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Fur flew Monday night as the City Council, not pleased at being out of the loop, sought answers to their questions about the rumored purchase of the Hill Lumber land by the school district.

"I was surprised to learn of the sudden decision in a late-night call from the president of the school

board," Mayor Elizabeth Baker said.

Because the Hill land is a major site for the city and considering monies shifted to education, she hopes for a collaborative effort between the city and the school board, she said, and called on Superintendent J. Dale Hudson for insight into the district's intentions.

"I expected to speak in a collegial setting," Hudson said. "But your questions don't sound very friendly."

Hudson said committees had deliberated on the needs of the district and, after the successful \$31.6 million bond election in March,

one committee had recommended consideration of purchase of the property "with the new twist of possibly building a new Middle School on the site."

In two closed meetings, the board voted to send a letter indicating interest in the purchase to the Hill family.

Although a fine "level of detail has not been gone into," Hudson said the proposal might include building an 800-student middle school on the Hill site, converting the present middle school to an elementary school and declaring the Vista and MacGregor Schools surplus property.

'Your questions don't sound very friendly'

—AUSD SUPT. J. DALE HUDSON

But Hudson said, in answer to a question from Vice Mayor Mike Brodsky, a new high school or elementary school on the site has not been ruled out.

The process the school board used to arrive at their decision be-

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Reduced library hours scheduled

Volunteers pledge support to mitigate personnel cutbacks

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Library users throughout the city were shocked to learn of massive cutbacks in personnel and services at the Albany Library resulting from the transfer of \$2.6 billion in property taxes to cities and counties to schools in the new state budget.

There were 45 people in the library at 11:30 this morning," head librarian Ronnie Davis said last Sunday. "And to think we may have to be open Saturday mornings."

New library hours beginning in 1994 will be Tuesdays from 1 to 6 p.m., Thursdays from noon to 6 p.m. and every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed July 24 and open July 31.

Three Albany Library employees have been laid off, two transferred to other locations and four, including Davis, have had working hours reduced by half.

City Administrator John

Nachbar called an informational meeting last week with Mayor Elizabeth Baker, County Librarian Linda Wood, Friends of the Library President Carole Truman, Councilmember Robert Good, the city's representative on the Alameda County Library Advisory Commission and Head Librarian Davis to assess the damage.

"The community is very supportive of the library as evidenced by our new library," Nachbar said. "We're going to work together to minimize the impacts."

One option the city has to restore service is the purchase of "open hours" at an estimated \$200 per hour, a method currently used by other county libraries.

"We must confront chaos and reduce entropy," Good said. "I feel strongly that we should get city support to spend money on our library." Good suggested the city might at least pick up the alternate Saturdays the library will now be

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Albany children's librarian Paul Rockwell has lobbied in support of longer library hours.

Richard Bernack

Hill residents taking fire safety seriously Kensington grapples with state's rulings

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city's fire abatement program for private properties has been extremely successful this year, according to officials. The success seems to be in part to the growing interest of property owners in fire safety, and in part to increased enforcement in safety standards.

"We've gotten tremendous compliance," said Fire Chief Steve Cutright. "Very few people are being out; they understand the importance of it."

Cutright said the attitude is something new for the city. "There's an interest and desire to abate these hazards that we haven't seen in the past," he said. "It's just as soon not be in the line of it; we're very encour-

aged."

The whole abatement process, which begins when a property is first inspected and an initial notice sent, is "more labor intensive" for the department than in the past, said Cutright. There are more inspections, more notices. The department's approach results from a new policy direction from the city council, he added.

"The council (wanted) a more intensive process that would help people understand better what's needed, as well as (more) follow-up on it. We're doing a lot more dialoguing with citizens."

Fire prevention officer Captain Dave Gibson agrees that the education effort has paid off.

"We learned from last year's program," he said. "We have better

PR, better public education. Last year — which was the first year of the program — we followed the law, but that's about it."

Everyone was getting used to new efforts to promote community safety that resulted from the Oakland-Berkeley hills fire.

"That was a wake-up call to people in this area," Gibson said. "This year, we've gone above and beyond what the law calls for."

Educational efforts have involved mailing a specific list of guidelines, for example, as well as increased personal dialogue and a second notice of violation. (Only one is required by law.)

In the pre-fire days, according to Gibson, it was up to property owners to voluntarily comply with city abatement notices — or not. "We've

put some teeth into the law now," he said. "People now take it seriously; they know the city will follow through."

Following through means bringing in a private contractor to clear properties owners have not brought up to department standards.

While owners have no choice about the action — beyond protests to the City Council, whose decision it is to name properties to be cleared — they must pay for the service after it's completed.

That can cost thousands of dollars.

After a citizen complained concerning a large bill last year, the department — at the council's suggestion — is now notifying any property owners whose work may exceed \$5,000.

Kensington grapples with state's rulings

Special district budgets hard hit

By Dawn Frasier

KENSINGTON — Budget news from Sacramento is looking better than expected for cities. Not for special districts like Kensington. Only preliminary numbers are in so far — estimates from county staff as to how Kensington will be affected by decisions at the state level — but everyone's anxiously waiting. The final results will have serious implications for the town's police, fire and recreation services.

"Special districts and counties took the largest hit," said Police Chief Jim Bray, who also serves as the district's general manager. "We stand to lose our (entire) special district augmentation fund."

That fund supplies about \$650,000 of Kensington's community services budget — both police and recreation, a budget that totaled \$1.2 million last year.

"Our budget for this year is \$1.1 million," Bray said. "It's what we have to have to continue business as usual."

That budget figure represents a staff reduction which Bray hopes will not be permanent. Since one officer left to join another department, the position has been held open.

"We are allowed 11 positions," Bray said. "We've got 10, and now we're down to nine. We'll never see that 11th person, but I hope to get the 10th one back."

In a week or two, Bray and the Kensington Community Service

District should be able to plan more specifically how to balance the Kensington's budget. Right now, the special district augmentation fund pays for slightly more than half the district's budget, with the rest coming from a special police tax, property taxes, and other sources, such as carry-overs.

If the entire augmentation fund is lost, there will no longer be a mandatory contribution to the fund.

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Citizens' group chips in for hazard abatement

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The Citizens of El Cerrito 2000 are gearing up for another major fund drive in the city. The group hopes to raise another \$50,000 to be used for fire and abatement efforts directed by the El Cerrito Fire Department. When budget cutbacks last year reduced monies available for fire services, a commissioned study on hazards in the community and the strategies to relieve them could not be completed. The Citizens for El Cerrito 2000 raised over \$50,000 for completion of the still ongoing study as well as to begin work on hazardous areas.

According to Fire Chief Steve Cutright, most of the money has been spent — for abatement and the study; a little is left, however.

He's reserved that money to "go beyond" strict maintenance and enter a new level of hazard control. The department is waiting for the study — particularly the environmental portion — to be completed in order to get proper guidelines.

"They did the justified historical maintenance," said Gina Brusatori, who co-chairs the citizens' group with Art Schroeder. "They cleared things like French broom and poison oak, some by hand, some with chemicals."

"What we're hoping for is at least another \$50,000, so they can do more than just maintenance."

Brusatori noted that while much of the work done last year will not have to be done again, there will be some repeat due to the year's heavy rains and the resultant growth of brush and other vegetation.

The department should be able to move into some new projects, though. Study results are needed before much new can be undertaken — too much clearing — or the wrong kind — can result in more serious problems, like erosion or slides.

According to Brusatori, the

group felt that \$50,000 was a reasonable goal, based on last year's success. No one feels, though, that it will pay for everything El Cerrito needs to keep fire safe.

"When you begin to talk about reopening fire roads, adding more water pipes, that gets into real money," she said. "You're talking in the hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Rather than worrying too much about the future, however, the group is enthusiastic about its current plan.

"We're hoping we've set a realistic goal," Brusatori said, adding that Cutright's conservative man-

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City's rec programs could use donations

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Community center director Monica Kurtz and her staff are doing all they can do to provide recreational and educational services for El Cerrito and neighboring residents, all the while struggling with a continually shrinking budget. In general, they've been able to stay upbeat and creative as they plan

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Letters to the Editor

'Bait and switch' bond measure?

Editor:

I preside over lawyer misconduct hearings at the State Bar Court, and I am used to hearing witnesses give evasive answers to direct questions, attempt to confuse the court, and otherwise demonstrate a total lack of candor in their testimony. I had never expected to see these types of actions at an Albany City Council meeting.

On July 12 I attended such a meeting. It appears that the good citizens of Albany recently passed at \$30 million bond measure, which was apparently advertised as necessary for seismic upgrading, retrofitting of existing schools, and perhaps some construction of some additional facilities at existing sites. There was no mention whatsoever that if the bond issue passed, we good citizens of Albany would be out of pocket about \$1 million a year in city tax revenues and development fees. Had this scenario been included in the glossy literature, one wonders whether the bond issues would have passed at all.

After a relatively secret process, it appears that the Albany School District may be using the bond money to purchase the largest remaining private undeveloped site in the city — Hill Lumber — to build a brand new middle school. The school superintendent, a Mr. Hudson, spoke at the City Council meeting. He explained that we need such a school due to a "hormonal glitch" that has caused a temporary bulge in the number of students of that age.

Despite direct questioning by concerned City Council members, he never explained why this intent was not expressed prior to the bond issue vote, nor how this "hormonal glitch" was not miraculously discovered until a few months after the bond issues vote. He never explained what public discussion was sought on this controversial measure, nor how such a decision can be made in contravention to the advertised purposes of the bond measure. He never explained why the public was not told that by purchasing the Hill Lumber site the city would be losing desperately needed tax money every single year, not to mention the large fees a private developer would be paying at the start of any other type of project. He never answered concerns as to how this new boondoggle would fit into the master plan, which was backed by several years of community input prior to its adoption.

I am a strong supporter of our educational system, but I am a stronger supporter of due process and the rights of citizens not to be the victims of a "bait and switch" public funding scam. Let us have open debate on this major proposal which, I feel, is clearly inappropriate in an era when our city can't even make ends meet to pay for police, fire, senior citizen programs, and other equally pressing needs. Enough backroom politics. This isn't Berkeley. Or is it?

Judge Elliot R. Smith

Important people omitted

Editor:

I am certain that every member of Friends of the El Cerrito Pool (FOP) endorses the city's recognition of the efforts and support contributed by Ms. Vera Homolotis and the employees at Cal Fed Bank ("Friends of the El Cerrito Pool Earn Recognition" by Dawn Frasier, June 17). The recognition is well deserved not only for citizens and a local business taking responsibility for a municipal services, but also for creating a more friendly community atmosphere around the pool. The city's desire to take the winter pool program back under its own management is the best indicator of how successful FOP has been.

Ms. Frasier's article, however, was flawed and misleading in repeating the city staff's failure to identify that it was FOP who enlisted Cal Fed Bank's assistance. Also, Mr. Frasier failed to note that city staff failed to notify or invite any member of FOP to the council meeting at which "recognition" of FOP was made.

To acknowledge the work performed by local citizens in keeping the pool open after the city abandoned the winter swim program, I would like to mention those members of FOP who should have been invited to the council meeting to receive recognition: John Cowee, Barbara Chan, Nick Despota, Bill Naphan, Melanie Lutz, Lori Dirckes, Chris Benitez-Wilson, Cal Chun, Ann McPherson, Charlene Lorette, Rosemary Carlson and our founder, Robert Campos. I apologize to others I may have overlooked who attended meetings, distributed flyers, and did other tasks. These people

come from all three winter programs which were part of this effort: Lap Swimmers, Water Aerobics and Masters.

John Cowee deserves special notice for his diligence and patience in showing senior city staff that not only could we manage a city facility and program successfully, but that we were able to expand the program during the winter despite the obstacles and discouragements presented by the bureaucracy. I would also like to commend Monica Kortz and other members of the Community Services staff providing direct services to swimmers for the commitment to the pool and for their friendly manner during last year's demoralizing period of cutbacks and layoffs.

Robert B. Adams

Rewarding experience

Editor:

Just left Mr. Wong's, the outstanding Chinese restaurant in Del Norte Place.

You may recall that Del Norte Place is El Cerrito's most recent commercial residential gem made possible by our city's extraordinary redevelopment program.

Do suggest that anyone who appreciates gourmet Chinese food try Mr. Wong's. His cuisine is a sure cure for a sour disposition.

Dan Freudenthal

Rethink portable position

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Superintendent of Schools J. Dale Hudson.

Cornell elementary schoolyard is a large expanse of asphalt, but there was one special place, a grove of trees — consisting of just two trees — on a little hill. A slope to run up and a slope to run down. Green grass. Water, picnic tables nearby. A quiet, tree-sheltered place for reading, play, conversation.

Now, to our great dismay, half the hill has been excavated, removed. Yesterday we could see the exposed ends of the roots of the mulberry tree. Today there is a wooden retaining wall supporting the radically truncated south end of the hill.

We have learned that a portable classroom is to be installed in place of half a hill.

Why can't the new portable be placed near the existing one? There would certainly be plenty of asphalt left for ball games.

What will the children think when they return to school in September and see a building in place of their hill?

We wonder, is the only valid kind of play organized sports that require vast expanses of asphalt, or is it also legitimate play to roam about on a hill in a free sort of way, or to sit quietly contemplating, or to play pretend games with friends on a verdant knoll?

Our children study in school about how important it is to save the rain forests in distant countries.

What kind of message in ecology is it when their own tiny bit of nature is ruined to make room for a building?

We parents want more opportunity to participate in important decisions concerning our children's school environment.

Barbara Ferretti and others

Save juvenile justice

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Alameda County Supervisor Edward R. Campbell.

Although receiving minimal publicity, when compared to the sheriff's threat to release prisoners, the proposed budget cuts of 51 percent to the Probation Department will essentially destroy the good work of that department. All aspects of probation — adult, juvenile, court services — will be reduced or eliminated. Correspondingly, early release of prisoners requires increased supervision by probation.

Since the Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission is concerned primarily with services for juveniles, I will restrict my further comments to that area. Logic mandates that if society is to reduce the number of adult criminals, programs encouraging and educating our youth must be preserved. The proposed 51X cut will reduce camp and juvenile hall facilities significantly and eliminate or reduce many other services for juvenile offenders. It should be noted that the school program at the juvenile facility, which is outstanding and has achieved phenomenal success in advancing the educational level of many youth, will

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Police Reports

Knife-wielding robber holds up Blockbuster Video

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — About 10:30 a.m. on July 7, a Blockbuster Video production called 911 to report an armed robbery in progress. A man described as Latino, about 24-27 years old, 5-feet-7 inches and weighing 120-130 pounds reportedly entered the store with a knife and demanded cash from employees and patrons. He was wearing a gray sweat shirt, pants and a San Jose Sharks cap and fled in a white '80's Oldsmobile or Buick.

On the morning of July 5, the Albany Fire Department transported a woman who had fallen and hurt her back from the 400 block of Cornell Avenue to Alta Bates Hospital. Later the same day they transported a Marin Avenue woman to Alta Bates Hospital because she felt dizzy. Her grandson had called 911 and also accompanied her to the hospital.

On the afternoon of July 5 police report that when a woman on the 1000 block of Clay Street refused a flyer being distributed by a boy for a local pizza restaurant, he stuffed the flyer into her bag. She in turn stuffed it down the back of his shirt and then he spit on her. Officers advised the manager of the restaurant of the boy's behavior and the woman did not press charges.

Officers report that on the afternoon of July 5, a San Jose woman requested that they check on the welfare of her parents who live on Marin Avenue because their phone was off the hook. Officers noted that all appeared OK when they knocked on the door and talked with the husband.

On the evening of July 5 an Oakland woman had an allergic reaction to some artificial crab meat, which is made from fish, while eating at the Senior Center. The Albany Fire Department responded and transported her to Kaiser Hospital in Oakland.

Just after midnight on July 6, officers responded to a call from a Kains Avenue man who said his boiler had burst. Officers turned off the water to the water heater, which was leaking, and also turned off the gas to the boiler.

About 1:30 a.m. on July 6, officers responded to a complaint of noise on the 500 block of Ramona Avenue and found a party in progress. The host of the party was advised of the complaint and agreed to quiet his guests and ask them to leave. He did, they did, and the neighbors were happy.

Just before noon on July 6, the Albany Fire Department transported an elderly woman, who was complaining of numbness in her leg from a possible blood clot, to the hospital.

In the evening of July 6, officers report arriving at a residence on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard and finding a young child choking on a bone. The child coughed up the bone as the Albany Fire Department arrived. The paramedics evaluated the child and advised the mother to have the child seen by a physician as soon as possible. They reported the mother said she would wait until her husband

came home to go to the doctor.

A woman on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue called the Albany Police Department in the afternoon of July 7 to report that she believed someone had urinated in her mailbox. Officers discovered that the mailbox was approximately five feet, six inches above the ground and therefore almost impossible for someone to actually urinate into. There was no evidence of damage.

The Albany Police Department reported three incidents of hit-and-run this past week. On the afternoon of July 7 an El Cerrito man's gray '91 Jaguar was hit while parked near Solano and San Pablo avenues.

Later that night, a Berkeley woman's gray '91 Volvo was damaged when someone threw a glass bottle through the window while it was parked on Solano Avenue. Then, on the evening of July 9, officers report that two people had their vehicles hit by a green 4D taxi cab while parked on San Pablo Avenue.

This also seemed the week for lost dogs. A woman reported that her daughter found a small Pekingese near Memorial Park. Another Pekingese type dog was found on July 8 near Solano and Masonic Avenues and reunited with its owner.

Also on July 8, a small cocker spaniel type dog was found wandering around Marin School. The finder offered to keep the dog if the owners were not found.

Officers report that in the very early hours of July 8 a Richmond woman was found to be intoxicated when she was stopped for speeding and running a red light while driving on San Pablo Avenue. She was arrested and taken to the station. When she was sober she was cited and released.

In the afternoon of July 8, a Berkeley woman surrendered herself at the front counter of the Albany Police Department for outstanding warrants regarding a suspended license and failure to appear. She was booked and processed and later released to appear.

Officers report that on the evening of July 7 a Richmond woman and an Antioch man came into the Albany Police Department and requested officers to keep watch for their minor son who was spending time with a group of young adults who were suspected of providing him with alcohol and drugs. They requested that if officers saw their son in the presence of alcohol use or other bad influences, to take any and all appropriate action to remove him from the situation and to notify one or both parents. The parents also contacted the El Cerrito and Richmond police departments.

Two Oakland women were arrested on the evening of July 7 after they were discovered as responsible in a conspiracy to purchase gold items at the Albany Coin Exchange with fraudulently issued checks.

A resident of the 800 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported finding a small jar of pennies outside his residence on July 8. Contact the Albany Police Department if you

lost this item and can describe the jar.

Officers report that on the afternoon of July 8, when a young boy hit the parked wheel of a San Pablo Avenue business his bicycle and set off the alarm, the business owner refused to keep the bike until the damage to the vehicle was paid for. The boy returned the bike to the boy's parents, mediating the dispute.

On July 8, an Albany man learned that his car, which had been stolen from Berkeley earlier that day, had been recovered. He was involved in a brief pursuit in Oakland.

About 9 p.m. on July 8, officers reported seeing two males and a man "hanging around" in front of a liquor store on San Pablo Avenue. They did not arrest anyone while the officer was watching when the officer checked back a few minutes later, after reporting his car, the boys had disappeared and left the immediate area. Questioning the man, the officer learned he was a transient at Berkeley and admitted to drinking vodka for the boys. He was on his way.

A woman living on West Street in the UC-Village requested officers to perform a security check of her apartment on the evening of July 9 because she became suspicious when she returned home and found her front door open. She remembered locking it and she also has a key.

Officers found a jewelry box emptied on the bed and called UC Police and requested they respond for a report.

On July 10 at about 1:30 a.m., an Oakland man was stopped on Adams Street for various vehicle code infractions.

He attempted to run from officers but was apprehended. He was found to have two outstanding warrants in Berkeley and San Francisco totaling \$4,487.

A San Francisco man who had entered a group of the 1000 block of Kains Avenue on the morning of July 10, according to officers, and took a 10-minute cycle after cutting the locks of other bicycles and stealing them.

On the afternoon of July 10, a Berkeley man came into the Albany Police Department to complain that a man on a bicycle had hit him with an ice cream cone. He had yelled at the cyclist riding in the crosswalk. There was no damage to the car and the cyclist was not found.

At about 4:15 p.m. on July 10, three protest organizations staged a protest against cars by obstructing traffic while riding bicycles down the streets of Albany. The protesters eventually departed to Berkeley. There were no arrests.

On the evening of July 10, unknown persons broke into a residence on Pierce Street by prying open the door with a large tool, kicking in the door panel, and performed a lengthy and thorough prowling of the residence taking numerous items of value, including three firearms.

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Senior clinic operating at Del Norte

County pleased with new facility

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — It's been a long time coming, but El Cerrito and other West County seniors can now receive specialty health care at the county older adults clinic at Del Norte Place, a situation the county's health department has been anticipating since 1989.

"At that point, Del Norte Place was simply an idea," said Julie Peck, director of geriatric services for the Contra Costa County Health Services Department.

Since then, she added, "We were always slated to go into the Del Norte Place."

"We moved into our temporary (Richmond) location for nine months; they expected that (Del Norte) ground to be broken in the summer of 1990. We were in Richmond for three years."

The county hadn't wanted to wait for the El Cerrito space because of the tremendous need for services on the west side of the hill.

Until then, seniors in need of specialized geriatric services had to travel to Concord to receive them. The county now offers three senior facilities — in El Cerrito, Concord and Antioch.

Peck, who met with Patrick O'Keeffe (representing the Rede-

velopment Agency) and county health director Mark Finucane in early 1989, said that "O'Keeffe saw the possibility for a partnership at this location."

Then-mayor Jean Siri was also very supportive, Peck said. "They were both key movers (in the project)," she said.

"Siri really helped facilitate our receiving endorsement from other key city people."

In general, Peck added, there had been "a tremendous amount of support from seniors in West County to have an older adults

One goal is to keep people functioning on their own for as long as possible

clinic," including lobbying from El Cerrito's Committee on Aging. According to Peck's 1989 figures, El Cerrito had the largest number of senior residents in West County.

The clinic serves only older adults, with a service that merges

the disciplines of medicine and psychiatry into one setting to best serve their needs.

"If we see a person with complex medical problems, who is also depressed or perhaps becoming confused, we can easily handle that," Peck said.

One goal of the merged disciplines — as well as other specialty services, such as longer appointment times — is to keep people functioning on their own, out of nursing homes, for example, for as long as possible.

The clinic, which is housed in the bottom portion of the one building at Del Norte Place specifically designed for seniors, serves anyone over 60 who prefers the setting of a clinic, particularly one with a geriatric specialty.

West County residents who use the facility may not be aware of the unique services they are receiving.

Geriatrics is a fairly new field of concern in the U.S.

"Very few medical schools in the country teach geriatrics, which is unfortunate," Peck said.

The Contra Costa County health department, on the other hand, "has made a real commitment" to the field.

Merrithew County Hospital is the only hospital in California, for example, that makes a training rotation in geriatrics, like rotations in surgery, ob-gyn and other specialty fields, mandatory in its training program for family practice residents.

"That really signifies how important it is to us," she said.

"Our residents know how to make home visits, have visited nursing homes, know how to make a good assessment."

"We really feel we're giving

them something they can use in the real world.

"We're extremely progressive."

The clinic in El Cerrito is tied in with that program.

Some resident physicians now rotate into the clinic as part of their training.

Peck said the county has had to work hard to properly staff its three geriatric clinics.

"We've done nationwide searches for staff," she said.

"Several training institutions around the country offer geriatric fellowships (including Stanford and UCLA); there are several programs but not that many people (taking them)."

"Typically, those who have completed fellowships go into academia, where they are needed."

"We try to hire physicians who have been fellowship trained, but it's not that easy."

It was at Mt. Zion medical school, now Mt. Zion/U.C.S.F. that the first Bay Area fellowship program in geriatrics was offered in 1978.

Dr. David Ernst, the geriatrician serving the older adults clinic in El Cerrito, was a Mt. Zion/U.C.S.F. fellow.

Dr. Wendy Eberhardt is the staff psychiatrist.

The combination of the two disciplines at the clinic, as well as its specialty focus on the physical and psychological needs of seniors, makes for a unique pro-active service offered by Contra Costa County to its residents.

"We've really made a concerted effort to bring issues (affecting) older adults into our practice and into our training and teaching," Peck said.

Ellen Paasch, staff supervisor for the El Cerrito Open House Senior Center, said the city's whole senior services staff is happy to see the clinic open in this city.

"We're delighted to see people specializing in geriatrics serving El Cerrito."

An added appeal, she said, is "the fact that it's a housing (complex) component and an easy destination for Dial-A-Ride."

The clinic conducts about 3,500 visits per year.

Peck expects the number to grow in the larger setting.

Police Reports

'Jamaican switch' scam surfaces

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Another local resident has been victimized by the "Jamaican switch" scam; the con results in losses to citizens in El Cerrito several times each year.

The woman was approached by a black male, probably in his 60s, 5-foot-10-inches in height and weighing about 130 pounds. The man was wearing a dress shirt, pin striped suit and tie. He told the woman he was from Kenya and was carrying a large amount of cash (in a black leather bag) which he could not take home with him. He asked the victim if she could make sure it was donated to a charity but to first show some good faith money of her own.

The victim gave the suspect \$600; the suspect then fled with it. A second suspect was involved with the scam — a black female, aged 30 to 35, about 5-foot-6 and 200 pounds.

The incident took place in the 11100 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of July 6.

The 7-Eleven store was robbed on the afternoon of July 5. A man entered the store wearing a ski mask and brandishing a blue steel revolver. He demanded money from the safe; the clerk, however, was unable to open it. The suspect took \$50 from the cash register and fled on foot.

He is described as a black male, aged 22 to 24, about six feet in height, weighing about 150 pounds. He was wearing a black cloth jacket and blue jeans.

Two residential burglaries were reported. Someone entered a trailer parked in the 5800 block of Avila Street during the night of July 2. A bike was reported stolen.

A home in the 800 block of Craft Avenue was also burglarized. Jewelry was reported stolen between June 18 and July 1.

Mail was reported stolen from a mail box in the 600 block of Lexington between 4:15 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. July 6.

Two vehicles were reported burglarized. Someone broke into a car parked on Peerless above Huber during the daytime on July 1. The suspect removed knobs from the radio, but no loss of property was reported.

During the night of July 3, someone took sporting goods items from a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Balra Drive.

A 1979 Chevy Impala was taken from the 1300 block of Everett Street during the night of July 6. A 1990 Geo Prism, left running while its owner was delivering papers, was taken from Zara and Silva at 6:10 a.m. July 3.

A 1968 Plymouth Baracuda was found one block away from the 1000 block of Liberty Street where it had been parked when stolen between 1:30 and 2:30 a.m. July 7.

Several acts of vandalism against vehicles were reported.

Someone broke a rear vehicle window between 3 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. July 6. The car was parked on Colusa at Rockway.

Another window was smashed in the 7300 block of Schmidt Lane during the night of July 3; a mirror was smashed in the 7400 block of Moers Lane during the night of July 2.

While a city fire truck was parked in the 6600 block of Gatto Street at 11:01 a.m. July 1, one of its windows was smashed.

A window was broken by a BB in the 1300 block of Richmond Street July 4.

A driver's door was spray painted while the vehicle was parked in the Lucky store lot between 10 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. July 6.

Two cars were scratched, one while it was parked in a lot in the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of July 4, the second while parked in the lot at Payless Shoe Source. In the latter case, a female who had been refused admittance to the store was seen scratching the vehicle at 6:20 p.m. July 4.

A Richmond juvenile was arrested on Eastshore south of Hill Street after throwing a container of crack cocaine into the bushes during a pedestrian stop at 5:02 p.m. July 3.

Shoplifters were arrested at Target (a Richmond male) and Safeway (a Berkeley juvenile and a Richmond male).

An Oakland and a Richmond resident were arrested at Target after writing a forged check.

There were 15 vehicles marked abandoned.

There were six arrests of drivers with suspended licenses.

In one case, the motorcycle driver was stopped for not wearing a helmet; in another, the driver gave a false name to the arresting officer.

City Briefs

Recent or soon-to-be retirees will have an opportunity to explore life after work in "Wishcraft for Retirees" a series of classes beginning July 28. Aurelia Sequoia will teach the class, which is based on the book *Wishcraft* by Barbara Sher, at the Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito.

Sessions are scheduled July 28, Aug. 1, 11, and 25 and Sept. 1. The lecture/participation/workshop format will offer practical techniques for clarifying goals and reaching them. Topics are problem-solving, planning, obtaining needed resources and emotional support, and dealing with the effects of changes on close personal relationships.

Fee is \$1.50 per class for El Cerrito residents; \$2 per class for non-residents. Seating is limited. Call 215-4340.

El Cerrito Plaza will hold a Sidewalk Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday events will feature a roadster show and music by the "Spirit of '29" Dixieland jazz band.



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Summer: perfect time for a good read

Good writing, topical titles lead the way

By Arthur I. Blaustein

The quadrennial carnival we endured last year was yet another reminder that American politics and culture have become an indiscriminate dissemination of junk-information. And just as politicians pleaded for our votes last summer, this summer many new books will appeal for your reading time. Some will be topical, some even hip. Most will be diverting.

The following is a list of 20 books, none of which are new. You've probably heard of most of them and may have read one or more. If you're looking for a good, solid read (or more than one) this summer, something that will nourish as well as entertain, you won't go wrong with any of these.

Nonfiction

Donald Bartell and James Steele, *America; What Went Wrong?* (Andrews and McMeel). Two first-rate reporters deliver a gutsy account of the real-life impact of trickle-down economics.

Robert Bellah, et al., *Habits of the Heart* (Harper Perennial). Examining the conflict between individuality and Community in America, Bellah offers a compelling case for citizen participation and volunteerism.

E.J. Dionne, Jr., *Why Americans Hate Politics* (Simon & Schuster). A perspective-restoring book for those who've responded to politicians' trivialization of serious issues by dropping out of the political process.

Thomas Byrne Edsall, *Chain Reaction: The Impact of Race, Rights and Taxes on American Politics* (Norton). Edsall defuses

emotional conflicts over the social issues that have polarized our society by putting the buzzwords in context.

Susan Faludi, *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women* (Crown). A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist exposes the anti-feminist backlash in the media and political and legal establishments.

Marsha Kinder, *Playing with Power in Movies, Television and Video Games* (University of California Press). Kinder describes the inherent brutalities inflicted on our children by consumption of mass-media violence and commercialism.

Alex Kotlowitz, *There Are No Children Here: the Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America* (Doubleday). This story of brothers from a Chicago housing project should serve as an antidote to the politics of hopelessness.

Jonathan Kozol, *Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools* (Harper Perennial). For anyone puzzled over the causes of the L.A. riots, or concerned with public education, this is a must.

Bill Moyers, *The Secret Government* (Seven Locks Press). A careful indictment of the star-spangled buccaneers (several of them ex-presidents) who have perverted American foreign policy.

Daniel Yergin, *The Prize* (Touchstone). This history of the petroleum industry is about power, money, the international economy, war, labor strife, tycoons, greed, politicians — in short, the 20th century.

Fiction

Isabel Allende, *The House of Spirits* (Bantam). Allende examines the human consequences of the real-life CIA-inspired coup that overthrew Chile's elected government in the early 1970s.

Russell Banks, *Continental Drift* (Ballantine). The themes of

good and evil, fate and freedom, racism and poverty are explored through chapters alternating between a New Hampshire repairman who moves to Florida and a woman fleeing Haiti.

Wendell Berry, *The Memory of Old Jack* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich). This portrait of a ninety-two year-old Kentucky farmer offers keen insights into changing American feelings about the environment, the work ethic, material success, and the well-being of our communities.

E.L. Doctorow, *The Book of Daniel* (Bantam). A fictional account of the Rosenberg trial that shows how McCarthyism and militarism have distorted our national psyche.

Louise Erdrich, *Love Medicine* (Bantam). This multigenerational story of two families in North Dakota offers insights into life for Native Americans, both on and off the reservation.

Ernest Hebert, *The Dogs of March* (Penguin). A blue-collar New England family struggles to cope after a plant closure. Required reading for anyone concerned with our nation's industrial failures.

New officers for local Lung Association

Craig Fendel, who has served for eight years in various capacities as a volunteer for the American Lung Association of Alameda County, is the new president of the organization's board of directors. A lifelong Berkeley resident, Fendel is vice president of Sanwa Bank California, in Oakland.

In past years, Fendel has served the Lung Association as treasurer and as a member of the executive, finance and nominating committees. He succeeds Jeffrey Trowbridge, Oakland, as president.

Other new officers are: Tim Hassler, Berkeley, president-elect; Elizabeth Sterns, Piedmont, and Eugene Leong, Oakland, vice presidents; Stanley Tobin, Castro Valley, treasurer; and Mary Kelley, Oakland, secretary.

John Irving, *The Cider House Rules* (Bantam). Love, abortion, class, and Yankee common sense combine in this conciliatory expression of pro-choice and pro-life positions. A perfect gift for right-to-lifers open to a broader perspective.

Toni Morrison, *Beloved* (Plume). Winner of a Pulitzer Prize. An escaped slave struggles to transcend her past in post-Civil War Ohio.

John Nichols, *The Magic Journey* (Ballantine). Greed, Power, development, and cultural genocide in the Sun Belt. Part of the author's New Mexico trilogy, which includes *The Milagro Beanfield War*.

Jayne Anne Phillips, *Machine Dreams* (Pocket Books). Phillips chronicles the voices of small-town American from the Depression to Vietnam, providing a context for opposing military force.

Arthur I. Blaustein was chairman of President Carter's National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity and now teaches at the UC-Berkeley. His most recent book is *The American Promise — Equal Justice and Economic Opportunity*.

Court orders Target to stop giving tests

Bay City News

A settlement was announced last week in a potentially precedent-setting class action suit against Target Stores for using psychological tests asking personal questions to screen applicants for security jobs. Attorney Brad Seligman said the 704-question test was discriminatory and violated privacy rights and labor laws because it asked questions about sexuality, religion and other subjects.

The settlement, which must still be approved by an Alameda County Superior Court judge, prohibits Target stores in California from giving any version of the test to store security job applicants for at least the next five years.

The four lead plaintiffs in the case will receive more than \$15,000 each. The other plaintiffs, about 2,500 test-takers, will receive over \$500 each in damages.

Target attorney Nancy Ober said the Minneapolis-based nationwide quality discount retailer still believes it was entitled to use the Rodgers Condensed CPI-MMPI test and ultimately would have won the case, which began back in 1989 when the plaintiffs sued Target.

Ober said, "It was strictly a business decision to settle the case since we've stopped using the tests anyway and it would have been costly to have prolonged litigation."

Ober said Target stopped giving the test in conjunction with its program to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which she said appears to preclude tests that identify and exclude people with mental and physical handicaps.

Ober said Target gave the test to applicants for security jobs to assess their "emotional stability for a job that is fairly routine and taking into custody shoplifters."

Seligman said the suit is to be the first class action case in the nation involving psychological tests to be successfully resolved. He said, "This case has been watched around the country and has led to a huge debate about psychological community testing."

The test, various versions of which are used by the California Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies, asks questions such as these, which Seligman are "highly invasive": "I am strongly attracted by my own sex; I have never been in unusual sex practices; I have no sins are unpardonable."

Robert Marzetta, a Castro Valley man who is a plaintiff in the case, said the questions on the test "made me feel uncomfortable," but he took the test because he badly needed a job at the time.

Marzetta, who worked for Target for a year but is now a scaper, said, "I felt the questions were way out of line."

Target Stores is the largest retailer in the nation, with over 1,000 stores in 32 states. Under the settlement, this toll-free number has been set up for members of the class suing Target: (800) 245-6999.



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El Cerrito Newsline

Pool to remain open due to work of Friends

Beth Bartke

El Cerrito recreation staff is pleased to announce the success of the Friends of El Cerrito Pool's efforts this past winter, the City Council has authorized the El Cerrito Swim Center to operate for round for fiscal 1993-94.

Last summer the City Council decided that the pool must close during the colder winter months when it was not self-supporting. A group of dedicated lap swimmers who enjoyed swimming all year long, decided to work with the city to keep the pool open.

They organized the lap swimmers and formed a group the Friends of El Cerrito Pool. They worked with city staff to set rates that would achieve the self-support goal during the winter months. The group contacted Cal Fed Bank in the El Cerrito Plaza, and the Cal Fed staff agreed to sell monthly passes.

This past week a subcommittee of the city's Park and Recreation Commission met with the Friends of El Cerrito Pool to review the staff report for the 1992-93 off-season swim program. Based on the success of the first year, the subcommittee will recommend to the full commission at its July 28 meeting that the "off-season" program continue as a



joint effort between the city and the swimmers. A small committee of swimmers will continue to advise the staff of promotion, schedules and fees for passes.

This fall and winter, passes will be sold at the Community Center office on Moeser Lane. Fees may be raised slightly to cover the cost of the passes and tickets. Staff anticipates a similar schedule of hours will be offered. The passes will be sold on a monthly basis with the deadline five days before the start of the new month.

The Park and Recreation Commission will adopt a schedule of hours and fees at its July 28 meeting. The city's fee schedule, recommended by Park and Recreation, will be reviewed by the City Council on Sept. 7. Notices of the weekly schedules and fees will be mailed as well as distributed at the pool in early September.

There are many Friends of El Cerrito Pool members to thank for their volunteer hours in promoting the off-season schedule. Without their dedication to the lap swim program, the pool would not have remained open during the winter months last year.

The staff at Cal Fed Bank who donated hundreds of hours selling passes last year is also to be commended for their community service. We are confident that with the continued support of the lap swimmers, this healthy form of recreation will be available to the community all year long.

If you have any suggestions of questions about the "off-season" swim program, please contact Renee Mathis, aquatics supervisor, at 215-4375.

Deadbeat' parents may make TV show

City News

The Contra Costa County Board Supervisors endorsed a plan today for prime-time cable TV broadcasts of the names of parents who fail to make their monthly child support payments. The board voted 5-0 to develop the idea suggested by Supervisor Sunne McPeak.

County staff were directed to come back with a detailed proposal 60 days for publicizing the identities of "deadbeat" parents over the county's community access channel. The county airs footage of meetings and other public information between 7 and 9 p.m. Mondays on all local cable systems.

McPeak said her Concord office is receiving so many appeals for help from custodial parents whose former partners were not making payments that her Concord office seemed like a satellite outlet for the

county District Attorney's Family Support Division.

McPeak said the cable TV roster of delinquent parents could serve two purposes: to shame the parents into meeting their child support payments and to help the District Attorney's office find them.

Parents who are evading child support payments often work for cash, so they can't be detected through a search of payroll records, McPeak said.

Gayle Graham, chief of the county D.A.'s Family Support Division, said non-custodial parents in Contra Costa owe a total of about \$146 million either to custodial parents or to the taxpayers who have supported their children with welfare benefits.

Graham said her division currently has 56,000 open child support cases, an increase of 16,000

cases since 1990.

Of those 56,000, no child support order has yet been entered in 30,000 cases.

About 18,595 parents are already subject to court orders for child support, but payments are being made in only 8,700 of those cases.

Graham said she believes the cable TV roster would be an effective tool for flushing out some of the 10,000 parents who are failing to meet their support obligations.

But she is still researching the county's potential legal liability for publicizing information on absent parents.

The family support chief said she would like to follow the pattern set by Kern County, which broadcasts the name, photograph, age, occupation, and amount of back child support each absent parent owes.



John Dey (Albert Peterson) lends an ear to Rebecca Reschert (Mrs. Peterson)

Lots of singing, dancing and living in Civic Theater's 'Birdie'

By Phyllis Lyon

Filling their El Cerrito stage to overflowing with gaggles of singing-dancing teeny boppers, the Contra Costa Civic Theater freshens up the '50s in their summer production of *Bye Bye Birdie*.

The satirical musical, playing weekends at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., will say bye-bye Aug. 14.

The 1960 musical, which brought Dick Van Dyke into the limelight, takes off on Elvis Presley mania and particularly the outbreak of fan pandemonium when The King was, oh no, drafted. There was swooning in the streets.

The problem: teenage idol Conrad Birdie (Eric Fosselius), complete with torn T-shirt and hairdo by Quaker State, needs a career boost and his feckless manager-song writer needs money to pay off Birdie so he can go straight as an English teacher.

The solution: A publicity stunt. Birdie will bestow one last kiss on an unsuspecting girl picked at random from his fan club roster. Call out the tabloids and away we go to upset the apple cart of the denizens of Sweet Apple, Ohio.

With 14 musical numbers, including the ever-popular "Put On A Happy Face" and "I've Got A Lot of Livin' to Do," performed by a cast of 29 young singers and dancers, CCCT director Kathleen Ray's major accomplishment is managing the troop movement on and off stage with military precision.

Among the principals, Mark Wimble brings *Bye Bye Birdie* to dramatic life as the harried Harry McAfee, father of the chosen teenager.

Wimble's droll, Gary Cooperish qualities, shown off last year as well in CCCT's *Good News* and *You Can't Take It With You*, put all the fun into "Hymn for A Sunday Evening," (intoning the holy name of Ed Sullivan) and the eternal parents' complaint in "Kids"—"Why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way? What's the matter with kids today?"

Although billed as "obnoxious" and "a grubby little kid," Alex Ray steals his scenes with sweetness as the bespectacled brother, Randolph McAfee.

Ray is a fourth-grader at the Castro School in El Cerrito.

Heidi Hernandez, making her CCCT debut, plays kisser Kim McAfee; Cindy Kinnard, the feisty, red-haired Rosie O'Reilly who outsmarts her boyfriend's nagging mother (Rebecca Reschert); John Dey, the naggee and Birdie manager, Albert Peterson.

Housewife and fifties-style mother McAfee is played by Paola Franceschi and Kim's disgruntled boyfriend, Hugo F. Peabody, by Alex McMurray.

Costume designer Jan Koprowski turns the ensemble of youngsters into a scintillating rain-

bow of primary colors.

Striking Mondrian-grid sets, referred to by Wimble-McAfee as his "one wall of many colors," are by scenic designer James Steven Anderson.

As is customary with CCCT summer productions, the main charm of *Bye Bye Birdie* comes from the boundless energy and anxious-to-please enthusiasm of the troop of Albany, El Cerrito and nearby future stars of stage and screen, many trained in CCCT's summer acting camp.

From the opening "The Telephone Hour" to the big finale, they do the twist, jitterbug ('50's choreography by Amie Miller and Aslaug Oskarsdottir), faint, swoon and sing "We love you, Conrad"—maybe once or twice too often.

And they scream the Birdie scream. In fact, a suggestive sample scream might do the job and be kinder to audience eardrums.

Bye Bye Birdie is written and set solidly in the innocent '50s—with one wholly forgivable El Cerrito anachronism added: dad McAfee is a breakfast-time reader of last week's Journal.

Parents and grandparents who filled the CCCT theater opening night and who may be trying to fathom today's postpunk grind, grunge-rock and the like, may take nostalgic comfort in an idol as mildly harmless as Conrad Birdie, shallow know-nothing though he is.

Adding to the historic interest is the fact Birdie creators Michael Stewart, Charles Strouse and Lee Adams could not have imagined that the object of their satire, though dead from a drug overdose, would be even more venerated, idolized and swooned over 35 years later.

But, no problem, *Bye Bye Birdie* is just for fun. Fun for the eager CCCT company, spreading sunshine all over the place. Fun for their audience, putting on a happy face.

Number of AFDC recipients increases

Bay City News

Figures released Monday by the California Department of Social Services show that more than 2.56 million residents—an all-time high—were receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children in May.

Eloise Anderson, director of the state DSS, said California's welfare caseload continues to grow.

Data in the monthly report indicate that this May, 3.72 million people, a 6.3 percent increase over last year, were receiving some form of cash assistance, including AFDC, supplemental Social Security, county general relief, or foster care and refugee cash assistance.

Every Bay Area county showed an increase in its welfare rolls. In 10 Bay Area counties, some 358,000 receive aid.

In Alameda County, 105,560 received assistance this year, an increase of 2 percent over May 1992.

In Contra Costa County, 47,766 received assistance this year, a 4.4 percent increase over May 1992.

In Marin County, 4,425 received aid, a 5.7 percent increase over last year.

In Napa County, 4,211 received aid this May, a 4.5 percent increase over last May.

In San Francisco, 38,712 received aid, a 1.5 percent increase; in San Mateo County, 16,410 received aid, an 8.6 percent increase; in Santa Clara County, 90,061 received aid, a 7.2 percent increase; and in Santa Cruz County, 10,810 received aid, a 15.6 percent increase over last year, the highest in the Bay Area.

Solano County showed 23,121 receiving aid in May, a 3 percent increase over last year, while Sonoma County had 17,118 receiving aid, a 5.2 percent increase over last May.

The department showed an unemployment rate of 8.7 percent for this May, compared to an 8.8 percent jobless rate last year.

This May, 11.7 percent of Californians were receiving aid, compared to 11.2 percent last May.

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The Starry Plough tonight, July 15: Oz, David Grossman \$3; July 16: The Phantom Surfers, Susanna & the Golden West Playboys, The Shambles \$5; July 16: The Violets, Five Year Plan \$5; July 18: Jambay \$3; July 22: Benefit for Ashkenaz's Legal Defense Fund, The Rubbles \$3; July 23: The Sneetches, The Buckets \$5. Mondays: Irish dance Lessons, 7 p.m. Traditional Irish Music 9 p.m. Tuesdays: Darts Tournament. 3101 Shattuck Berkeley 841-2082

Freight & Salvage tonight, July 15: Kim Scanlon, Cyd Smith & Nina Gerber; July 16: Fog City Ramblers Reunion; July 17: Corner Market, Quintessence; July 18: Due West; July 21: Irene Sazer Band; July 22: Utah Phillips. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; Music 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Ashkenaz: July 15: Danny Poullard, 9 p.m. \$5; July 16: Sister live, 9:30 p.m. \$7; July 17: Ensemble Zdravets and Trakiitsi 8:30 \$7; July 18: Karumanta 8 p.m. \$6; Anti-Slapp suit bulk mailing party, 7:30 p.m., free; July 20: Teach in on the Balkans, Balkan folk dancing 7 p.m., \$5; July 21: Zydeco Flames 9 p.m., \$5; July 22: Anti Slapp Suit Benefit for Ashkenaz with Tempest 9 p.m., \$5-\$12 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley 525-5054

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Berkeley Improvisors are on stage with musical accompaniment Wednesdays through July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. \$6. 548-5199.

Summer Playhouse at Noon Series presents *The Proposal*, through July 16; July 20-23: *Graceland*. Noon \$4-\$6. Zellerbach UCB. 642-8276

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Oxfam America presents a Cultural Celebration of African and Caribbean People on July 16, at 7:30 p.m. At the Scottish Rite Center 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. \$10-\$20. 652-4388.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley presents *Night Must Fall* through August 7. Fridays at 8 p.m. and on Thursday August 5 at Live Oak Theater 1301 Shattuck. \$8.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

Black Oak Books: Tonight, July 15: James Schevill, *Where To Go, What To Do, When You Are Born Porter: A Personal Biography* 7 p.m. July 16: Nancy Mairs, *Ordinary Time: Cycles in Marriage, Faith and Renewal* 7:30 p.m.; July 18: The Fifth Black Oak Bluegrass Night 7:30 p.m.; July 20: Stephen Altschuler, *Sacred Paths and Muddy Places: Rediscovering Spirit in Nature* 7:30 p.m.; July 21: Claude F. Whitmayer, *In the Company of Others: Making Community in the Modern World* 7:30; July 22: Dennis Tedlock, *Breath on the Mirror: Mythic Voices and Visions of the Living Maya* 7:30-9:01 Shattuck, Berkeley 486-0698

Gathering Tribes: Fridays at 7 p.m. Open mike for Poets \$3. Workshops: July 15: Cross Cultural Relationships 7 p.m.-10 p.m. July 17: Our Outer Conflicts. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; July 18: "The Spirituality and practice of Active Non-violence" 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Sliding Scale 1309 Solano Ave., Albany. 528-9038

GAIA: July 15: Patt Lyne-Kyle, *When Sleeping Beauty Wakes Up: A Woman's Tale of Healing the Immune System and Awakening the Feminine*, 7:30 p.m.; July 16: David Kyle, *Human Robots & Holy Mechanics: Reclaiming Our Souls in a Machine World*, 7:30 p.m.; July 19: Julia Cameron: *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*, 7:30 p.m.; July 20: Gaia Community Salon; July 22: Virginia Beane Rutter, *Woman Changing Woman: Feminine Psychology Re-Conceived*, 7:30 p.m. Free with purchase of featured book, \$3 without. 1400 Shattuck, Berkeley 548-4172

Cody's presents poetry by Diane Diprima and Paul Sawyer July 21 at 7 p.m., \$2, 2454 Telegraph, Berkeley. 845-7852.

REI: July 15: "Choosing the Ultimate Adventure." July 22: "Have Gear, Will Travel." Free. 7 p.m. 1338 San Pablo, Berkeley. 527-4140.

Turning Point Career Center at University YWCA: Tuesdays July 20-August 20: On Going Support Group for job Seekers 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$40/\$50; July 20: "A Career as a Marriage and Family Counselor 12 p.m.-1 p.m. \$3; July 21 and 28: "After Self Assessment: Researching Career Options" \$35/\$40. 2600 Bancroft Way. 848-6370.

Birthways July 17: "CPR and How to Childproof" 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20/\$25; "Pediatrics for Parents" 1 p.m.-3 p.m. \$20/\$25; July 22: "Postpartum Depression" 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$15/\$20. 2001 Dwight Way Room 1338. 869-2797.

Cultural Arts Camp's July 18 through July 23 and the last session will be July 26 through July 30. Ages 5-12. \$90, limited scholarships. At Spirit Theater Dance Studio, 1708 University Ave. 849-3232.

Berkeley Hiking Club, July 18-23: Summer outing Mammoth Lakes. (415) 775-9681.

The City Of Berkeley July 15: Polynesian Dress Up-Day 1 p.m. July 16: Pinata Party, 1 p.m. At temporary North Berkeley Senior Center, 235 University. 644-6107.

Building Education Center: July 17: "Stucco Workshop" 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$100; July 17-18 "Home Repair and Improvement" 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$180; July 19-23: "Owner Contracting & Project Management" 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$375/\$700; July 20: "Buying Land" 7 p.m.-10 p.m. \$40/\$70; July 22: "Preconstruction" 7 p.m.-10 p.m. \$40/\$70. 525-7610.

Magic Gardens presents "Gardening with Children: Sowing Seed For the Next Crop of Gardeners" on July 17. 10 a.m. \$10 of free adult admission with

southern African countries on July 22. 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-3533.

Twenty-sixth biennial California Writer's Club Conference will be held July 23-25 at Asilomar. For a brochure write California Writers Club, 2214 Derby St., Berkeley.

Berkeley Poetry Follies, featuring La Val's Open Mike Poetry Program, is on PCTV, Channel 29, Bay Cablevision on Fridays at 9:30 p.m. and Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Friday folk dance weekly at Albany YMCA, 921 Kains near Solano. Meet great folks, fun, exercise. Beginners, families wel-

Saturday: 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. 642-3343.

Improve your public speaking at a Berkeley Toastmasters club. Visitors welcome. Call 547-6355 for times and locations.

Exhibits

New Pieces presents Music and Mexico quilts of Heather Urquhart and Nina Antes through Aug. 4. Reception for artists July 9, at 7:30 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

"Sculpted by Fire" a photography exhibit by Richard Baker will run through August 7 at Refractions Exhibitions space for Photography. 600 San Pablo Ave. #105 Albany. Open Monday-Friday 12 p.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. 527-8664.

"Non-Digital, Handmade Paintings" by John Sheridan will be shown at The French Hotel through July. Open 7 a.m.-11 p.m. 1538 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley. 527-4912.

Charlie Nothing's artwork will be on display at Kenya Impex through out July. The store hours are: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 549-9953.

"Oaxaca and Surrounding Villages" is an exhibit of color photographs by Jesse C. Rabinowitz at Musical Offering, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Through July 31. 849-0211.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: Jacob Landau's stained glass windows and drawings created in the 1960s-'90s, through Sept. 19; "Paintings with Light: Photographic Aspects in the work of E.M. Lilien," to Sept. 19; "Transmitting the Heritage: Sephardi Women of Turkey" by Audrey Daniel will run through Aug. 8. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley.

ACCI Gallery: "Vague Boundaries" includes works by Clayton Redwood, Muriel Henriques and Joyce Dean is July 16-August 15. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-2527.

NIAD presents "Exquisite NIAD" through July at 551 23rd St., Richmond.

Berkeley Art Center presents the "9th Annual National Juried Show Part II" July 18-August 22. 1275 Walnut Street in Live Oak Park. 644-6893.

Richmond Art Center presents "Issues & Objects: Northern California Craft in the 1990s" July 20-September 12, with an opening reception July 21, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.; also at Richmond Art Center "High Flying: An Installation of Artist-made Kites from the National Institute of Disabilities (NIAD)" July 20-September 12. July 20-December 12: Artists of Mission Clay: Sewer Pipe Sculpture from the Artist-In-Residence Program. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. 620-6772.

Support Groups and Self-Help

Debtors Anonymous (East Bay) meets Thursdays, 8-9:30

p.m. for free/donation support, discussions and tips at Berkeley-Alameda County Center, 806 Broadway. 548-2483.

Survivors of incest, a 12-step group for incest-abused as children, meets Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Senior Center, 848 MacArthur. Albany. Call Wendy at 524-5243.

American Cancer Society support group for cancer and their friends and family. Berkeley, free; six-week women at Northbrae CC Church, \$80; grief and support group begins in Berkeley Jewish Community Center. Call 845-9055 for info on all groups.

Back support group monthly. For information call 4437.

Alzheimer's Association support groups through the Bay Area. For info call (800) 942-1333.

Brookside Hospital following support groups: Stroke, first Thursday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Burn, first Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m.; Heart, fourth Tuesday, 7:30-9 p.m.; Cancer, second and fourth day, 5:30-7 p.m.; Osteoporosis, Monday, 7:30 p.m. 2000 Road, San Pablo. Call 242-3400 for more information.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (or Other Dysfunctional Families) meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ashbury between 18th and Lincoln, El Cerrito. 524-5243.

Women's support group for migraine sufferers meets monthly in Berkeley. Call Nancy at 9717 for more information.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Doctors Hospital and Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. 2151 Apollon Way. 724-5040. Asthma Support Group meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. 741-2442.

Educational hotline for experiencing impotence set up by West Contra Urological Group. Call 508-7379.

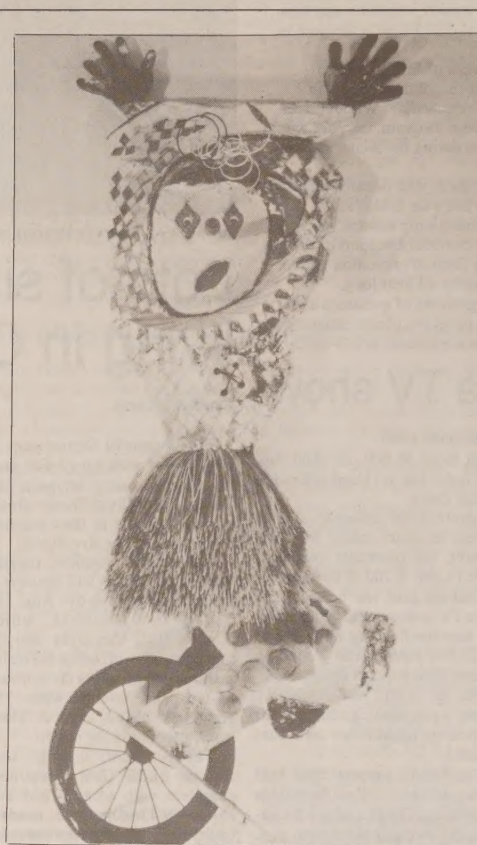
Cancer Support Group for patients, caretakers, long-term survivors and friends; every Friday, 9:30-11 a.m. at Episcopal Church, 8800 Cedar, Berkeley. 845-9053.

Overeaters Anonymous (Berkeley) meets Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at El Cerrito Methodist Church, 8800 Cedar. 273-9292.

Overeaters Anonymous (Berkeley) meets every Tuesday to give free aid to those with eating problems, 8:30-10 a.m. at Presbyterian Church, 2200 College Ave. 273-9292/844-2442.

TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly—meets each Monday at 9:30 a.m. at 9803 Shattuck Ave., Albany. 527-8372.

Heart Talks are held on Monday and Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Brookside Hall Auditorium, 2000 Vallejo. 235-7006.



For bicycle enthusiasts

An unequalled collection of bicycles and bicycle art has been assembled by the Berkeley Store Gallery in cooperation with the American Bicycle and Cycling Museum Project. The exhibition includes sculptures made of bicycle parts, a Merlin titanium racing wheel chair, a restored high wheeler, and others. Also planned is an evening of video and slides, bicycle maintenance classes, and seminars by bicycle designers. The Berkeley Store Gallery is located inside 2230 Shattuck Ave. next to Shattuck Cinemas' box office. Call 649-0272 for information.

child 729 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 644-1992.

Dandelion Co-op Nursery School will hold an open house July 20th at & p.m. 941 the Alameda 525-1753.

Pro Arts will hold a "Firestorm Tile Mural Workshop" July 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 461 Ninth and Broadway in Oakland for survivors of the Firestorm. 466-5501.

Easy Going Travel and Bookstore presents Greg Appleton with a Slideshow about

come. 7:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. Information: 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Empty Gate Zen Center holds a free public introduction to Zen with Jeff Kitzes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. 1800 Arch St., Berkeley. 548-7649. Everyone welcome.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, Garden tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Summer hours through Labor Day: Wednesday: until 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday and Thursday-

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Businesses to support theater revival

Will Harper

Could it be that after four years of displaying a blank marquee, the Elmwood Theater is open for business again? Not just yet, but it's in the works.

The City Council will decide whether to establish an "Elmwood Theater Business Improvement Area" and approve the remainder of a \$215,000 loan to revive and restore the dormant theater at its location next week. The council previously approved a \$17,000 preliminary loan to the Elmwood Theater Foundation, a non-profit group, to help it make payments on the purchase of the theater.

The theater, located near the corner of College and Ashby avenues, shut down after a fire in December 1988.

Burt Willes, a former president of the Elmwood Merchants Association and participant in the

project, said he was glad the theater wasn't converted into a shopping center as had been proposed earlier. "It's been a long and hard battle. The developer was hell-bent on putting up a shopping mall. It gives you hope to see that people in a neighborhood can come together and stop something like that," Willes said.

The city has been working with merchants and property owners in the area for the past few months figuring out the boundaries for a special tax assessment district that would be created to pay back the loan.

The district, or improvement area, will be divided into two zones which will have to pay different levies according to the anticipated business benefits they would receive from an open theater.

Commercial properties in the so-called "core benefit zone" in the

immediate area of the theater will pay five times more in taxes than the so-called "broad benefit zone" at the edges of the district. Those businesses in the core zone will pay 5 cents per square foot, while business in the broad zone will pay 1 cent per square foot.

The new district will approximately stretch north from College and Alcatraz avenues to College and Derby avenues. From east to west it will span from above Claremont Avenue and Ashby to Ashby and Telegraph avenues.

The city estimates it will be able to raise about \$15,500 in the first year from the new assessment. It expects to raise another \$5,000 from a surcharge which will be added to the annual business license taxes of select businesses in the core zone.

Businesses open after 6 p.m. at least five nights per week that don't

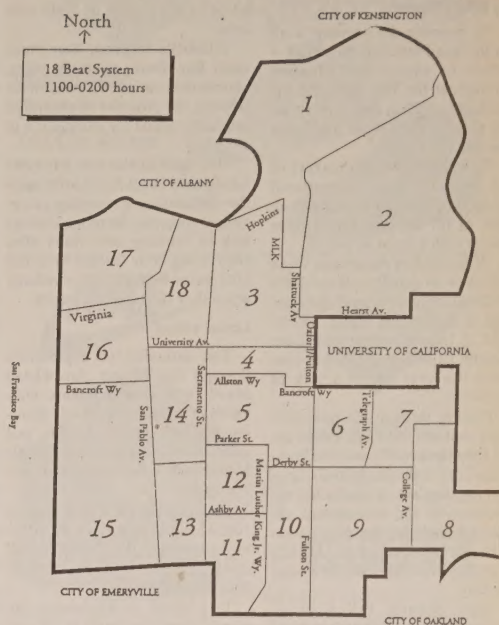
serve food will have a 12.5 percent surcharge; food places that stay open after 6 p.m. at least five nights a week will have a 25 percent surcharge; businesses open all night, including ATM's, will get a 40 percent surcharge.

The city expects business to pick up significantly after the theater is restored.

"All of the merchants in the area, after the theater went out business, reported a loss of a lot of customers because of the loss of foot-traffic in the area. The restaurants were most affected but other businesses lost customers as well," said Dave Fogarty, an associate management analyst for the city.

Fogarty said the theater's new operator hopes to get the movie-house up and running by December, in time for the holiday shopping season.

On the BPD beat



During the past several weeks we have been discussing Community Involved Policing in this column. During July, September and October, 18 town meetings will be held within the boundaries of each of the beats.

The purpose of the meetings is threefold: 1) To provide a brief explanation of Community Involved Policing; 2) to listen to members of the community describe problems they want their beat officers to pay attention to; and 3) to answer questions. The officers who work the beat will attend the meetings in their area.

The first five beat meetings will be held in July as follows:

July 19: Beat 16: Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Ninth and University. Beat 16 is the area bounded by Virginia (north), San Pablo (east), Bancroft (south) and the San Francisco (west).

July 21: Beat 18: Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. Franklin School, 1150 Virginia. Beat 18 is the area bounded by the city of Albany (north), Sacramento St. (east), University Avenue (south) and San Pablo (west).

July 26: Beat 1: Monday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Northbrae Church, 941 The Alameda. Beat 1 includes the northern part of the city. It is bounded by the city of Kensington (north) and Tilden/East Bay Regional Parks (east). Marin is the southern boundary until it reaches Shattuck. There the beat line jogs south to include the area bounded by Cedar Street (south), Shattuck (east) and Martin Luther King Jr. Way (west). Also, at Hopkins and Marin, the beat line swerves west to include the area between Hopkins (south) and Sacramento (west).

July 27: Beat 17: Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Eighth (at Camelia). Beat 17 includes the area bounded by the City of Albany (north), San Pablo Avenue (north), Virginia (south) and the Bay (west).

July 29: Beat 3: Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (location to be announced). Beat 3 includes the area bounded by Hopkins (north), Martin Luther King Jr. Way to Cedar (east), then Shattuck to Hearst (east), then Oxford to University (east), University Avenue (south) and Sacramento Street (west).

Although we've tried to verbally describe the above listed beat boundaries, the accompanying map does a better job.

Be sure and attend the meeting scheduled in your neighborhood.

Berekeley Blotter

The following is a partial list of crime reported in Berkeley from June 9 to June 14 according to police records.

8:30 p.m.

- A woman reported an assault taking place at Fairview and Harper streets on June 10 at 9:08 p.m.
- Gambling was reported at an address near Stanton Street and Ashby Avenue on June 10 at 7:13 p.m.
- Forget Me Not at 2907 College Ave. reported a robbery there on June 11 at 1 p.m.
- The victim of an assault at 10th and Addison streets reported the incident on June 11 at 9:12 a.m.
- A youth reported that he was assaulted at Milvia and Kittredge streets on June 11 at 9:38 a.m.
- An assault was reported in progress at Telegraph Avenue and Bancroft Way on June 11 at 1:13 p.m.
- An assault was reported at Gilman and Curtis streets on June 11 at 8:12 p.m.
- An assault was reported in progress at Allison Way near Strawberry Creek on June 11 at 11:57 p.m.
- A robbery was reported at Derby Street and San Pablo Avenue on June 15 at 11:58 p.m.
- An assault was reported at 8:15 p.m. on June 11 at 8:15 p.m.
- An assault was reported at Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue on June 11 at 11:29 p.m.
- An assault was reported in progress at Euclid Avenue and Ridge Road on June 11 at 11:57 p.m.
- Police received a report of a rape in the vicinity of Regent Street and Dwight Way on June 11 at 8:09 a.m.
- Emerson School reported a case of child abuse on June 11 at 8:25 a.m.
- The Women's Drop-In Center at 2218 Acton St. reported a case of indecent exposure there on June 11 at 10:31 a.m.

8:30 p.m.

- A case of spousal abuse was reported at an address near Alcatraz Avenue and Idaho Street on June 11 at 9:06 p.m.
- Police received a report of someone brandishing a weapon at Ashby Avenue and Sacramento Street on June 11 at 9:37 p.m.
- Sweet Temptations at 1600 Shattuck Ave. reported a robbery there on June 12 at 11:43 a.m.
- An armed assault was reported near the Bel-Air Motel on University Avenue on June 12 at 4:12 a.m.
- An assault was reported in progress at Browning Street and Dwight Way on June 12 at 6:06 p.m.
- An incident involving a registered sex offender was reported at McKinley Avenue and Addison Street on June 11 at 8:02 a.m.
- A case of child neglect was reported at Sacramento and Julia streets on June 12 at 11:14 p.m.
- An armed assault was reported at Ashby Avenue and Harper Street on June 13 at 2:43 a.m.
- An assault that left the victim badly injured was reported at Fairview and California streets on June 13 at 5:24 p.m.
- A 911 caller reported a case of spousal abuse taking place at an address near Mabel and Ward streets on June 13 at 9:47 p.m.
- Police received a report of someone brandishing a weapon on the 2600 block of Ashby Avenue on June 13 at 4:23 p.m.
- A felony hit-and-run accident involving injuries was reported at Gilman Street and the Eastshore Highway on June 14 at 2:03 a.m.
- A dog attack involving injuries was reported at Adeline Street and Ashby Avenue on June 14 at 10:11 a.m.
- A man reported that he was robbed at Acton and Derby streets on June 14 at 3:23 p.m.
- A woman reported that she was attacked and assaulted at Harmon and California streets on June 14 at 10:52 p.m.
- A man reported that he was assaulted at Haste Street and Telegraph Avenue on June 14 at 10:49 a.m.
- A case of spousal abuse was reported at Hearst Avenue and West Street on June 14 at 2:42 p.m.
- Police received a report of someone brandishing a weapon at Ellis Street and Ashby Avenue on June 14 at 6:22 p.m.
- A rape was reported in the vicinity of Parker Street and McGee Avenue on June 15 at 3 p.m.
- An attempted rape was reported in the vicinity of Ashby Avenue and Deakin Street on June 15 at 7:14 p.m.
- An assault was reported in progress near Kip's Restaurant on Durant Avenue on June 15 at 1:50 a.m.
- A woman reported an assault in progress at Dwight Way and Shattuck Avenue on June 15 at 6:22 a.m.
- A woman reported that she was attacked and assaulted at 3rd Street and University Avenue on June 15 at 9:20 a.m.
- An assault was reported in progress at Vine Street and Shattuck Avenue on June 15 at 2:07 p.m.
- Viking Trader at Parker Street and Shattuck Avenue reported an armed assault on June 15 at 2:15 p.m.
- A woman reported that she was attacked and assaulted at Derby Street and Claremont Boulevard on June 15 at 3:34 p.m.

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Outdoor events promote Bay Trail

By Mike Fitelson

To promote the ongoing work on the San Francisco Bay Trail, a series of events are planned throughout the Bay Area for the week of July 29 to Aug. 8 celebrating some of the natural highlights that rim the Bay.

To remind decision makers of the need for more recreational space, Bay Trails Awareness Week aims to fill the Bay Area's open spaces with a flood of people.

Of the two Bay Awareness Week activities originally planned for Oakland, only a docent-led nature hike in Arrowhead Marsh will be held. A bicycle race around Lake Merritt, an annual event, was canceled this year due to a lack of sponsors.

Passing through all nine Bay Area counties and 42 shoreline cities, the proposed 400-mile San Francisco Trail is the product of a spirited juggling act by concerned environmental and recreational enthusiasts lobbying the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create unrestricted access around the Bay.

State Senator Bill Lockyer authored Senate Bill 100 in 1987 initiating funding for a planning committee.

The plan, adopted in 1989 by ABAG's regional planning committee and executive board, aims for the creation of a spine trail, a continuous path encircling the Bay, with spur trails branching out to points of natural, historical, and cultural interest just beyond the shoreline.

Although upon completion the trail will not directly border the shoreline in all places, it will be the most access the public has had since the Gold Rush period, and a huge increase from 1965 when only four miles of shoreline were accessible.

Leaders hope that if the region's network of bikeways is expanded and all seven Bay Area toll bridges are made pedestrian- and bicycle-accessible, more commuters will capitalize on alternative ways to commute.

The two biggest obstacles in building the trail have been the enormous task of coordinating hundreds of organizations, including dozens of county and city governments, and securing funding to

adapt existing trails or build new ones.

Elizabeth Johnson, San Francisco Bay Trail project manager, blames the continued recession for slowing the progress of the trail's originally slated for completion in 1999.

One third of the trail has been completed, but it has mostly been the dedication of existing recreational sites, not the more difficult task of creating new trails after convincing civic leaders to install bike paths to Caltrans' standards when they upgrade city streets.

Local event

The naturalist-led exploration through the 70-acre Arrowhead Marsh will provide hikers with views of a variety of birds, including pelicans, egrets, herons, and gulls, that make the marsh their home, both temporarily and permanently.

Recognizing the importance of Arrowhead Marsh as a habitat for migratory birds, the United Nations designated it a Western Hemisphere Biospheric Reserve.

In addition to explaining the marsh's environmental importance, the docent will also describe how the East Bay fits in with the rest of the San Francisco Trail.

Other events scheduled include:

August 1

- A hike along the Carquinez Regional Shoreline
- A 40 mile Bike loop through Benicia, Vallejo, and Martinez
- Clean-up at Golden Gate National Recreation Area
- Dedication at Fort Mason, Great Meadow
- Hike through Stevens Creek, Mountain View (preregistration required)

August 4

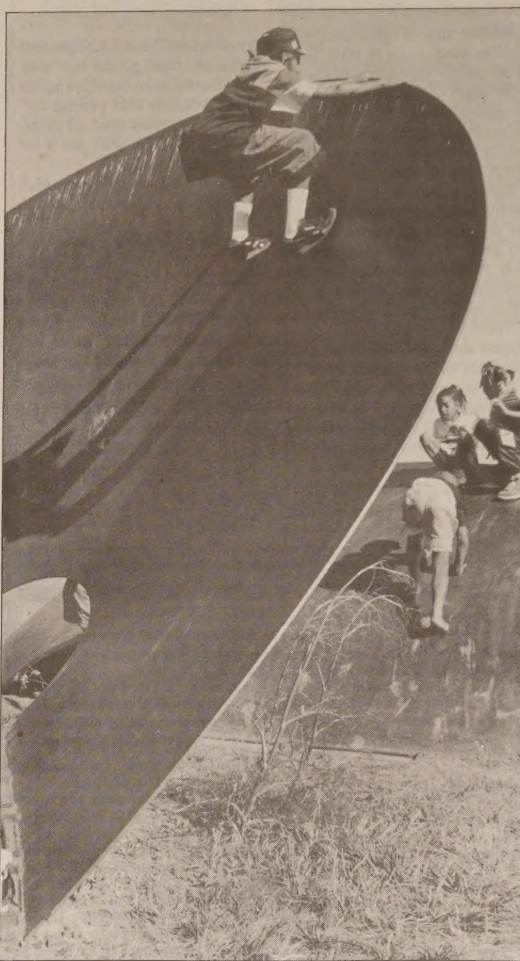
- Dedication for the Hayward Interpretive Center

August 7

- Ride/walk from Bay Model to Mill Valley. (preregistration required)

August 8

- Clean up in Redwood City
- The Arrowhead Marsh hike is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 6, from



Michael Smith, 6, demonstrates his climbing ability on the sunken disks located in Arrowhead Marsh, where a hike is scheduled on August 6.

Mike Fitelson

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To get to the marsh, located on San Leandro Bay, take Hegenberger toward the airport, turn right on Doolittle

Drive, then right on Swan Way. Immediately turn left on a dirt road next to a sign reading Martin Luther

King Regional Shoreline Park. The dirt road is about a mile long and leads to the parking lot where the hike will begin.

For more information, times and directions, and preregistration, phone 464-7961.

Restaurants share profits with AIDS service providers

Chez Panisse, Baywolf, Ristorante Venezia, The Dining Room at the Shattuck Hotel, and ZZA'S Trattoria will be holding a benefit for The Center for AIDS Services all day Thursday, July 22. The restaurants will contribute a percentage of each diner's check to the East Bay's largest AIDS services agency.

Additionally, Chappellet Vineyard and other vineyards will donate wine to the event.

Representatives from The Center will be on hand in each restaurant to explain the services The Center offers. The goal of the event is to raise funds to build a new kitchen at The Center.

The Center for AIDS Services, founded in 1987, offers free services to individuals living with HIV. The services include hot meals, food bank, counseling, practical support, social activities, van transportation, and dedicated children's and women's services.

This year The Center will provide 11,000 hot meals and 13,000 bags of groceries. As the number of individuals with HIV/AIDS in the East Bay increases, so does the number of people requesting hot meals. The Center needs a new kitchen to meet the growing demand.

Asthma camps coming up

Managing asthma can be a serious challenge for children with the disease, their families and care providers. Coping with asthma on a day-to-day basis can require additional support.

That's why the American Lung Association of Contra Costa/Solano developed two recreational and informative camps for children with asthma this summer.

The first camp, open to children from 5 to 9 years old, is scheduled from Monday, July 26 to Friday July 30, at Brannan Island State Park in the Delta. Daily sessions are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for the camp, which includes many fun activities, is \$35 per child.

Champ camp 1993, a five-day overnight camp for children from age 9 to 14, will be held at Camp Concord in Lake Tahoe. Scheduled from Aug. 23 to 28, the camp

mand.

Last year Jon-Mark Chappellet, marketing director of the family-owned vineyard, got together with Janene Silverman, owner of the Center, for a similar event which was a success. "This year, we want to call on our other friends to expand the event," said Chappellet.

According to The Center's Executive Director Jerry L. "East Bay restaurants have been incredibly generous with their support since its inception. The restaurants have hosted our events, and many of them have donated food every week for our meals. This benefit is a wonderful way for the community to support the community."

The Center for AIDS Services houses Project Open Heart, a Bay meal delivery, and operates with the AIDS Legal Education Panel, the Berkeley County Law Center, and Oakland Children's Hospital. Over 90 percent of the Center's budget comes from private donations and profits from "Five Gourmet Restaurants and Premier Vineyard Kitchen."

The Center for AIDS Services is located at 5720 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland.

offers camping, canoeing, climbing, volleyball, archery, swimming, arts and crafts. For the five-day camp is a refundable \$20 registration fee and a \$155 for lodging and meals. The medically supervised camp will help to answer many questions about asthma, including: How can asthma patients help themselves breathe easier? What can I do to control an asthma episode? How does diet affect asthma? What are the different types of asthma medicines? How can I live and feel better, even with asthma?

To receive an application and more information about the camps, call the American Lung Association at 935-0472 or to 105 Astrid Drive, Pleasanton 94523.

Rep leads Shakespeare tour

Berkeley Repertory Theatre's 1993 tour of the London theatre scene will give theatre-loving tourists the royal treatment with ten nights in London and three nights in Bath from Sept. 12-26.

The full schedule of events includes nine performances at Britain's acclaimed theatres, behind-the-scenes meetings with leading theatre artists, guided visits to gardens, landmarks and museums, and fabulous dining experiences.

The cost of the tour is \$4,000 per person double occupancy, plus a \$200 tax deductible donation to the Berkeley Rep. The price includes round trip airfare, all accommodations, 20 meals, nine performances, five discussions, nine guided visits, ground transportation and a tour manager.

For more information call Carol Kirk at 525-0926.

The Berkeley Rep London tour will have luxury accommodations at the newly refurbished Waldorf Hotel in the heart of the theatre district.

In addition to seeing Andrew Lloyd Weber's new musical *Sunset Boulevard*, tour members will attend performances at the National Theatre, the Royal Court Theatre, and in the West End.

Highlights also include a coach and walking tour of "Architects of a Great City" and an all day outing to Stratford-on-Avon, with an afternoon performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

There are excursions to the Winchester Cathedral and to Bath, where a private visit to the superb Berkeley Castle is scheduled during the three-day stay.

Among the gourmet activities are dinner at The Hermitage, the elegant Georgian house that is the private home of interior designer, antique dealer and restaurateur Merlin Pennink, and a Farewell Champagne Gala on the final evening of the trip.

While there are many things planned, the schedule is flexible enough for travelers to enjoy individual sight-seeing and relaxing.

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Letters

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subsidize instead things that are good for the community (libraries, parks, etc.).

For example, road maintenance should be paid for by those who cause the damage — car, truck, and bus users. There should be no free (i.e., publicly subsidized) parking, including in front of people's homes.

Cars cannot be used without some place to drive and park them. We should immediately stop building new roads and parking, and either maintain or rip out what we have. It makes no sense to keep trying to guarantee free and ample parking and congestion-free roads for everyone who wants them. Not only is it physically impossible, but we are destroying our most valuable resources in the process (to say nothing of our quality of life). The energy resources of the Earth are finite. Let's save them for something more valuable than "asphalt sailing".

It isn't necessary to worry, at this point, about what will replace cars. Once we make it appropriately difficult and expensive to drive, ex-auto addicts will beg for the necessary transit, bike paths, etc., instead of fighting them as they do now. Instead of having to fight over where to put bicycle routes and pay consultants to mediate, every street will be a bicycle path.

You know what needs to be done. All you need is the courage to say it.

Michael J. Vandeman, Ph.D.

P.S. I-80 should be converted to an expressway, with at-grade crossings, so we can have our bayshore back.

How about a daily

Editor:

What Berkeley needs is a good daily newspaper. Why don't you supply it? We subscribe to the San Francisco Chronicle, but would much prefer a smaller local paper with abbreviated national, international, financial, etc. news.

Juneau, Alaska with a total area population of about 28,000 has a good newspaper — The Juneau Empire. I have a recent copy which you may have, but I assume you have a great many similar examples to refer to.

Ramsey G. Campbell

More cops

The Voice received a copy of the following letter to Mayor Loni Hancock.

The board of directors of the North East Berkeley Association recommends that 33 new officers be added to the current Berkeley Police Force for the 1993-94 year.

We believe this addition to the force is necessary to help decrease the high incidence of crime the city is now experiencing as well as expand the concept of community policing. We favor increased bicycle and foot patrol and staffing of the mobile police substation.

We hope that the mayor and council will seriously consider this recommendation to help make Berkeley a safer place to live.

Sally Davis Humphrey
Secretary, NEBA

Gifted artist

Editor:

Those of us who have seen the art work of David Mason, who is due to be executed at San Quentin on Aug. 24, consider his creativity awesome, if startling.

He is a gifted artist, if kept alive, might become a prison Picasso, comparable to the Birdman of Alcatraz.

I hope your readers will join me in asking Governor Wilson to consider commuting his sentence to life imprisonment without benefit of parole.

Eldred

Hancock right for Clinton

The Voice received a copy of the following letter to President Clinton.

For some time now there have been rumors that you are considering appointing the mayor of Berkeley, Loni Hancock, to a federal post. I sincerely hope that you do so, and soon, for a number of reasons. You'll just love her.

First of all, you are sometimes reported to have a "tax and spend" approach to government. Well, so does Hancock. We in Berkeley have the highest taxes in the state of California. Needless to say the

money all gets spent and the city is constantly looking around for more. You probably want someone who is good to people. Well, she has been very good to the so-called homeless people who inhabit downtown Berkeley. They can litter the place, they can and do urinate everywhere (and worse) and she has ordered the police to keep hands off the miscreants.

You probably want someone who understands the bureaucracy. I'm here to tell you that Hancock understands it only too well. She has built a corps of "assistants" who do her bidding and build her political fences without regard for the budget shortfall. Furthermore, she sees to it that they get paid as well as administrators doing much bigger jobs at the state level. And when they make mistakes, such as her city clerk did during the last election, she excuses the error with no reprimand and no loss of pay. The fact that the "error" stole the election for Hancock is irrelevant.

In short, please take her. We cannot afford her and her wasteful policies any longer.

Steve Schneider

Question of Intent

The Voice received a copy of the following letter to Bonnie Smotony, Secretary to the UC-Regents.

Last night I heard David Nadel telling his version of the lawsuit he is involved in with the University of California. Specifically, he charged that the suit is of no merit and that it will be dismissed.

According to him, he is being prosecuted for conspiring to cause vandalism on the people's Park, Berkeley, a charge he denies. He also accuses the university of bringing this action for the express reason of silencing critics of the university, like himself, and intimidating others from speaking out. He spoke eloquently and was informed as to both the legal dimensions of his case and the history of the university itself.

I would like to know what the university's position is on this matter, especially as regards the possible outcome of a trial. Is the university quashing critics? Will the case be dismissed? The matter of paying a large amount of money for a legal case which sounds dubious at this point should be of concern to all of us who are paying both taxes and tuition.

Additionally, I am against the use of the legal system to enforce opinion. If the University has no fair grounds to prosecute David Nadel, it should drop the case against him and the other defendants. This country needs its courts, its institutions of higher education, and its creative energies for other, more productive, enterprises.

I would like a response to the question of intent from the University regents.

Richard Fein

Beautiful sight

Editor:

If you want to see what the university and the community can do together, you might stroll down the northern half of the 1700 block of Walnut Street, in Berkeley. As you may know, this is the block of the Agricultural Extensions perpetual cornfield, a greenhouse and teaching facility. Before the greenhouse, in a wide half-moon of earth, is a student project, a wildflower garden. It blooms in great profusion of color and variety, some tall and blowing in the wind, some modest on the ground, a glorious sight in sunshine and a great relief in the gray rain. And up the street, behind the cornfield fence, is another student enterprise of superb flowers, along with berries, a few grape vines, and assorted serious greenery.

This is visible testimony to the expertise of the university students and to the cooperation of the neighbors what began as an ivy plot became a joint project of encouraging generous efforts to "brighten the corner," with gentle nudging from both sides. These simple flowers spell a happy YES to Rodney King's question: "Can't we all get along?"

Guen Logan

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UA Homes from the inside

By Robert Johnson

With an address like 1040 University Avenue, mixed emotions can be expected concerning the old University of California (UC) Hotel, which has been transformed into the new University Avenue (UA) Homes.

After attending various meetings, completing numerous forms, responding to an assortment of inquiries, beating critical deadlines, being denied admission due to accidentally (on purpose) misplaced paperwork, acting a degenerate fool, fighting behemoth bureaucracies — and finding in the same a few rare individuals who cared and helped — I was accepted as a resident in the fascinatingly futuristic world of UA Homes.

There is something about finding oneself in a ruckus and, somehow, emerging intact after the smoke and dust has settled that brings about a feeling of well being — and that's good.

Bad things often occur when individuals manage to find their way out of the human trash heaps of homelessness and joblessness — survival instincts are often highly functional and the hard circumstances of street existence offer few pleasures and little hope. As such, reestablishing a positive regard for oneself, others, and a new environment requires time and often direct yet understandable firmness.

The UA Homes staff is young, vibrant, and often times zealous. Conflicts occur, personal feelings and individual chips fly, drawing together or isolating small groups which, we hope, will assimilate into a purposeful and prosperous social community — that would be good. Certainly private baths are not available to all, but one would hope for a view of the Golden Gate Bridge or the Berkeley hills. Unfortunately, from a subjective point of view, first served is still not first served. Every social order, apparently, has its



Robert Johnson sees both sides of life at UA Homes

status-quo. Individuals of certain "lesser" persuasions will not receive the same considerations as those who comprise "favored" groups.

Paying more and receiving less, a seemingly double standard, still happens — and that's bad. Simply being touched by the shadow of such inequalities makes one feel taken advantage of.

However, the concept of a UA Homes, and the physical facility itself is a reality and, perhaps, a feasible answer to the growing social malady of hopelessness in the form of the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) dwelling; each room has its own microwave oven and refrigerator.

The once-hotel, now a home,

is not a stucco facade, but possesses the character and beauty of bygone years. The lobby's marble floor and high ceilings allude to spacious grandeur while white paint in neutral grayish-blue carpets throughout boast cleanliness as well as a bright atmosphere. The erector-set-like external earthquake braces, in the building's rear, form an artistic pyramid of patterns. Even the sprinkler system visible throughout the hallways, is a functional work of art.

In as much, the UA Homes has risen from a devastating earthquake with the mythical fortitude and splendor of a phoenix — and that's beautiful.

Work continues on Willard emergency center

The city's Emergency Operation Center, approved over a year ago and slated to open in an unused portion of Willard Junior High in May, is now due to be completed at the end of the summer.

The center, which is supposed to be a command post for top level policy makers, including the mayor, City Council, city manager, police and fire chiefs during a disaster, will cost \$300,000 to complete and is intended to serve only until a more permanent building is constructed with bond money approved last November.

Denise Johnston, who oversees the city's Office of Emergency Services, said the delay was caused in part because the original contractor who was supposed to work on the project got a bigger

job and backed out.

The original site for the EOC, in the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Berkeley, was vetoed after it was learned that the building was considered unable to withstand a serious quake.

The Willard location will be renovated to include new windows, more secure doors and communications equipment that will link the site to the city's computer system and to fire, police, public works and school district radio operations.

In the event that communica-

tions systems in any other decentralized locations should the new EOC will be able to in and control activities from Willard. Johnston said the city also use the police mobile station, state OES vans, a land network, or even police equipped with computers to implement its communication system.

Constructed with FEMA standards in mind, Johnston said EOC will be far from a state-of-the-art setup, but has been signed to make moving to other location possible.

N.I.M.B.Y.

(Noah's In My Back Yard?)



Every week we get this question from our customers, "When are you going to open a shop in my neighborhood?" (The "Noah's in my back yard" syndrome.) In our continuing efforts to address this societal woe, we are taking some positive steps. The folks around 9th and Irving in San Francisco can look for a Noah's Bagels store opening at 742 Irving in June! Be assured that Noah's legendary quality and friendly service will be scrupulously maintained at this new store and others that might open soon in your neighborhood. Thanks for asking!

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Albany Chamber of Commerce

Installation of 1993-94 officers scheduled for July 21

by Fern Luoma

Installation of officers and board of directors to serve the 1993-94 term for the Albany Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, July 21, at the Casablanca restaurant. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Officers to be installed are: Jewel Okawachi, D&S Composing, president; Jeff Butler, Century Cable, first vice president; Raymond Grassi, commercial property owner, second vice president; Bob Gordon, Gordon's Piano Service, third vice president; Elizabeth Bell, associate member, treasurer. Board members to be installed are: Edward Elliot, Edward Elliot Realty; Al Martinez, Solano Avenue Pharmacy; Amelia Cheliew, Sumitomo Bank; and Robert Walkup, Ellis Olson Mortuary.

Continuing on the board are Jerome Blank, Jerome Blank Realty; Christine Forristall, The Mechanics Bank; Joe Kelly, K&S Company; Russell Kierce, Russell Kierce Realtor; Joe Sio, Joe Sio Chevrolet-Geo; Deirdre Wallace, Wild Wools; Mary Weiland, East Bay Paint Center, and Robert Wolf, R.A.W. Concepts.

Okawachi promises an evening without speeches featuring good fellowship, delicious food and a brief installation by Blank.

Guests have the choice of prime rib or salmon filet, accompanied by salad, fresh vegetables and dinner rolls, baked potato and dessert.

Those wishing to attend may mail a check to the Chamber office, 1108 Solano Ave., stating their choice of entree. All dinners are \$22.50; reservations are due in the Chamber office by Monday, July 19, 5 p.m. For information phone 525-1771.

Pat Murray, Armstrong and Armstrong Insurance, and Mark Tscharnier, Arrow Glass company family, announced their engagement to family members early this month. A wedding date has been set for Nov. 6, the day before Mark's birthday. The couple plan to make their home in the Richmond Annex.

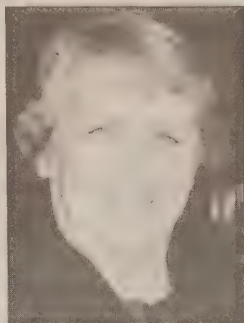
Cassandra Leigh Flynn was born July 5 in Oakland Kaiser Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Parents are Robert and Amy Flynn. Proud grandparents are Robert and Mary Flynn of Compass Realty, founders of the Golden Gate Lioness Club.

Invites by Scott

An Albany business that offers a multitude of personal and business specialty printed items — Invites by Scott — is owned and operated by new Albany Chamber of Commerce member Lynn Davis.

Davis started in business in Tampa, Fla., 15 years ago,

catering to businesses that needed business cards and stationery. Now an Albany resident, she has expanded to offering birth and graduation announcements, wedding, business and personal invitations, gift certificates, business cards and stationery, Bar



Lynn Davis

Mitzvah invitations and announcements, and thank-you cards.

She also handles personalized stationery and Christmas and birthday cards for businesses only.

Most produces will be delivered in three days, Davis promises.

Using thermoengraving (raised print), Davis specializes in upscale products. Customers have a choice of type, theme, color and paper stock to complement a



Barbara Van Zile of Domino's Pizza, Jacques Berchten, Design and Art Associates, and Amella Cheliew, Sumitomo Bank, at a recent Chamber mixer

special occasion. If assistance is needed in selecting colors and paper stock, Davis will always provide expertise and personal attention.

Her fees start at \$32 per hundred without any wording, including return envelopes. She will give quotes on the phone

(527-6200).

"I listen to the customer to determine what they really want," Davis says.

Davis and her husband, Edwin, an accountant, moved to Albany to be with their daughter, Ronnie Davis, Albany's librarian, and her family. Ronnie's husband is

David Goldberg, and their children are Stefan, 9 and Jesse, 6.

Lynn Davis is a member of the Tilden Women's Golf Group and Live Oak Bridge Club. On Mondays she assists Nancy Bissell at her Solano Avenue Clothing Store.

Air District awards \$15 million in transit funds for clean air

Four million cars and tons of air pollution. More gridlock and longer commutes. Somebody out there must have some practical ideas to solve the problem.

Well, somebody does — and the Air District is funding projects that will turn these ideas into reality.

The Air District has awarded \$2 million to help fund 39 Bay Area projects to improve air quality, traffic management and public transit alternatives and another \$6.2 million to implement additional transportation control measures required by the Bay Area 1991 Clean Air Plan.

The funds are collected through a \$4 surcharge on motor vehicle registrations and distributed to city and county agencies by the Air District.

Contra Costa County will obtain approximately \$1.5 million for four programs which include: purchase and installation of liquefied natural gas refueling facilities by the County Connection (\$700,000); implementation of a student transportation shuttle between homes, BART stations and schools in the Lamorinda area (\$700,000); the purchase of four propane vans by Westcat (\$87,900); and the replacement of two diesel jitneys with electric carts at Merritt Memorial Hospital (\$15,000).

Clean Air Commuting will get much easier in Alameda County as the Air District distributes funds for 12 projects totalling \$2.5 million.

The city of Oakland was granted \$450,000 to provide a clean fuel

shuttle between downtown BART stations and the Jack London Square Ferry Terminal.

ACTransit will receive \$400,000 to help purchase a liquefied natural gas refueling facility. Other Alameda County projects include an electric shuttle connecting employment centers in West Berkeley with Ashby and North Berkeley BART stations (\$307,100) and a clean fuel shuttle between BART and Cal-State University, Hayward (\$32,500).

The District tapped two applicants from Santa Clara County.

Transit users will see an easier commute with shuttle bus service between employment sites and Guadalupe Corridor rail stations (\$350,000).

The City of San Jose will receive \$541,240 to convert 36 vehicles to operate on alternative fuels.

Bicyclists scored well in Alameda and San Mateo Counties as BART received \$178,000 to purchase 100 new bicycle lockers to accommodate commuters and the City of Berkeley garnered \$20,000 to install 40 bicycle lockers for city

employees — half of which will be reserved for new bicycle commuters.

Berkeley also received \$25,300 to purchase patrol bicycles.

In San Mateo County bicyclists will see an expansion of bicycle parking facilities at Cal-Train stations (\$15,000).

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission was awarded \$250,000 for implementation of the Regional Transit Telephone Information System which will provide comprehensive transit information for all nine Bay Area counties with a single call.

The Bay Area Rapid Transit District will get \$700,000 to implement a demonstration project involving the use of electric vehicles to commute to BART stations.

Other projects include: purchase of nine clean fuel vans and buses by Solano County Office of Education (\$276,514), a demonstration project of bio-diesel bus fuels by San Francisco MUNI (\$510,000), shuttle bus service between employment sites and Caltrain stations (\$267,000) the conversion of three vehicles to electric power by

the City of Santa Rosa (\$40,000) and two compressed natural gas vehicle demonstration projects (\$234,000) by Sonoma County.

The 39 projects awarded funding were drawn from a pool of 101 applicants.

The monies are drawn from the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air, and are generated as a result of Assembly Bill 434 which was passed by the State Legislature to promote programs aimed at reducing auto-related air pollution and traffic congestion.

The state legislation identifies seven general categories for eligible projects: ridesharing programs and trip-reduction ordinances local arterial traffic management, such as signal timing; feeding buses and shuttles to rail and ferry services integration of information services for rail, bus and regional transit systems; clean-fuel buses; demonstration projects ranging from telecommuting to alternative-fuel vehicles; and a regional smoking vehicle program.

The key criteria for evaluating the 101 applications received included the cost-effectiveness of

emission reductions, the availability of matching funds for the project, the program's public visibility and accessibility, creativity and innovation, and the potential for broad application of program results to other areas.

AB 434 also authorizes county transportation program managers throughout the District to receive 40 percent of the surcharge revenue for projects that help fulfill transportation control measures mandated by the Bay Area 1991 Clean Air Plan.

For fiscal year 1992-93, that share amounts to \$6.2 million and will be distributed proportionately to the Bay Area's nine county governments.

Sixty percent of the AB 434 revenues are allocated directly by the Air District.

In addition to the 39 local projects which received awards today, the Transportation Fund for Clean Air will also provide \$1 million from the 60 percent revenue pool to implement the employer trip reduction rule, the "smoking" vehicles program, and a clean fuel bus demonstration project.

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Smelling the Roses

■ NANCY BRANAGH

Summers filled with nothing

My husband, two young boys, and I just returned home from our family vacation in the Santa Cruz Mountains. It was wonderful, as if time was ours forever and ever. For an entire week I soaked in life and savored its richness. Most days I didn't have a clue as to what time it was, much less what day it was. One day I sat under the tall majestic redwoods and slapped mosquitos off my legs while I watched the boys. They, like mad scientists, made cannons out of 10 foot plastic sprinkler tubing and shot home made bullets through them with a garden hose.

Every evening after dinner we hopped in our car and drove to a local Thrifty store to buy chocolate-chip cookie-dough ice cream cones. Then we wandered up and down the aisles looking at merchandise while we slowly lapped up our cones. That is until the boys discovered the sports aisle and athletic cups ... then we started taking our cones outside.

One day we drove to Monterey to visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium. They have a new exhibit. A research sub is sent down in the bay and video pictures of its travels are projected live to a screen in an auditorium at the aquarium. An aquarium scientist lectures on what you are seeing and fields questions from the audience. I must have sat in that auditorium for two hours feeling like I had died and gone to heaven. If I could be 18 again, I would consider becoming a marine biologist. I don't like cold water and the thought of 10 foot sharks doesn't thrill me, but the ocean and its creatures send a wonderful chill down my spine and reach deeply into my heart.

That night we stayed in a hotel. At dusk, Bill and the boys did cannon balls in the pool while the sun cast an orange hue across the sky framing them like a picture. Meanwhile, I soaked in a warm tub and listened to the A's actually win a game. Later, Bill and I both tried to stay awake long enough to see one of David Letterman's last shows, but we both drifted off to sleep during Jay Leno's monologue.

We started the next day with a complimentary breakfast in our hotel lobby. Then the boys made one last splash in the pool while Bill and I basked in the sunshine like lazy lounge lizards. Next we investigated the Tidepools at Point Lobos. Mostly we watched hermit crabs try to steal each other's shells. My 6-year-old, Tommy, poked sea urchins with his fingers and sifted through the sand looking for shell treasures. Later, Bill and I lay on the beach chatting about life while the boys sat on boulders splashed by the incoming tide and pretended they were sea captains. When it was time to go, Bill and I both had sun burns that ran from the bottom of our shorts to the tops of our socks. The boys had pockets bulging with sticks, seaweed, and shells.

Now I'm home from vacation and our new summer routine feels like a rude awakening. I miss the few hours school allotted me to exercise and write. I had forgotten what it's like to parent around the clock with hungry, curious little boys.

Still, I love having the kids around more. As I type these very words, they are outside washing my car, soaked head to toe in soap suds. Earlier Geoffry and Tommy were head to toe in mud. I had asked them to pick something from our vegetable garden for tonight's dinner and the next thing I knew their murky little bodies were presenting me with a handful of beans, lettuce, and squash.

It made me smile. It's a kids job to get dirty in life. Everyone should required to squish their toes in the dirt and grow their own vegetables at least once in their lifetime. It would change them ... I guarantee it.

It's funny. These long careless days of summer will most likely fly by with ease. And in September when someone asks me what I did over summer, I'll probably say, "Nothing," as I wonder where the time went.

Our summers are filled with miles of nothing. Nothing but sunshine and vegetables and investigating life's richest treasures.



When Sami Miller and Riff go marketing, Riff wears an orange vest, signifying he's legally allowed entry to places where normally it's "No dogs allowed."

Hearing Dogs

SPCA trains dogs to hear for the deaf

Julie Freestone

Until last November, Oakland resident Sami Miller, who is deaf, lived alone.

Then Miller's mother suggested he look into getting a hearing dog. She'd recently read about the dogs and the San Francisco SPCA's Hearing Dog program in the newspaper.

Now Miller, 53, beams when he talks about Riff, the small black terrier who lives with him and alerts him when the phone rings, the doorbell sounds or the smoke alarm is triggered.

Speaking with difficulty, Miller says, "The best thing about Riff is that he's so beautiful. I was lonely before. Now I have a friend."

Before Riff, Miller had a system of lights that alerted him to sound. A red light lit up in different parts of the small apartment when the doorbell rang. Green indicated the phone. Of course the light system was of limited value when Miller was asleep.

When Miller spotted Riff being trained at the SPCA, it was love at first sight. But the SPCA had picked out another dog for him.

"I didn't like the dog they picked out," he recalls. "I saw Riff and said 'Wow!'" But Riff had already been assigned to someone else. Luckily for man and dog, that turned out to be a bad match, so Riff and Miller became partners.

The SPCA program, founded in 1978,

was based on a model developed in Colorado. According to Marianne Dondero, spokesperson for the San Francisco project, her organization graduates 30 hearing dogs a year.

They have a year-long waiting list. And although they would like to train more dogs, they can't because of limited funds. Three trainers work full time for the SPCA, but not all their time can be spent on training the hearing dogs.

Special dogs

Another hurdle to training is the limited supply of appropriate dogs. Drawing on nearby shelters, the SPCA looks for "quick studies"—friendly dogs from 6 months to 3-years-old with high energy levels, high reactivity to sound and stable personalities. Only about one in 10 of the dogs they screen make it into the training program, and about 50 percent make it all the way to graduation.

Dondero says terrier breeds work best. "They seem to have the drive and willingness to work. We can't force it," she says. Breeds like golden retrievers and labrador retrievers often prefer to lie down when the phone or doorbell rings rather than walk over to their owners, rub against them to alert them to the noise, and lead them to the source of the sound.

To train the dogs, which takes four to five months, the SPCA makes extensive use of "treats," rewarding the animals



Riff feels like family, as he poses with Miller and his mother Phyllis.

when they respond appropriately.

"Using treats is a way to reinforce communications," says Dondero. "It's the only way you can communicate with your dog."

But according to SPCA trainer Shelley Monson, that approach has its drawbacks. After some of the animals get fattened up on the SPCA's good food and treats, they lose their motivation and become "couch potatoes," preferring to lie around and sleep.

"They let us know they want a career change," she laughs.

The dogs react most readily to fire alarms. "They're exciting," says Dondero. The animals are trained when the alarm sounds to do something "agitated," such as lick the owner's face or jump up to get his or her attention.

Not all easy

Training the dogs to acknowledge a doorbell or knock on the door is also fairly easy, since the dogs that are chosen for the program are people-oriented and eager to greet the person on the other side of the door.

Telephone training comes a bit harder. In fact, Dondero says the dogs often find it boring. "We use lots of treats, and we ask the user to reinforce them with treats."

The dogs can also be trained to respond

to timers on clothes dryers, the same alarm clocks and even to "go find" one person in the home wants to "talk" the hearing-impaired person.

Besides conditioning the dogs to sound and alert owners, the SPCA provides obedience lessons to teach dogs to respond to sit, stay and lie down commands. They also train the dogs to break obedience commands when the danger.

SPCA trainers visit the owners' checking yards for safety and walking around the neighborhood to identify potential "potty" spots. They also walk through the home, pointing out dangerous cleaning products and other potential problems for the pet.

Although Dondero admits the SPCA trainers are usually sad when they part with the dogs they've trained, she says bonding between the animals and their new owners occurs quickly. Applicants for the dogs attend a week-long course to make the process easier.

The new owner pays a \$100 fee, which includes a manual, leash, collar and other materials, along with a \$20 up-front application fee. But according to Dondero, no one is turned down even if they can't afford to pay.

Photos: Mike

East Bay Events This Week



Eliot Khuner

Carmen (Margaret Lisi) is rapt at the tales of the tereador Escamillo (Martin Lewis) in Berkeley Opera's 'Carmen.'

Berkeley Opera presents 'Carmen,' the opera everybody loves

Love leads to jealousy and death, and nobody escapes fate. Those are the cheery themes of Bizet's *Carmen*, and they work themselves into a score as tuneful as any every written. **Berkeley Opera** is presenting 10 performances of the opera over the next three weeks at the intimate Bernard Maybeck-designed Hillside Club (2286 Star St., Berkeley).

Two complete casts are involved, most of the singers from the East Bay. *Carmen*, the gypsy cigarette girl, is sung by **Margaret Lisi** and **Rachel Louis**; Don Jose, straight-arrow soldier turned traitor, by **Darin Adams** and **Steven Zimmer**. Micaela, the girl who waits for Don Jose in vain, is sung by **Michelle Bradley** and **With Raddue**. Escamillo, the tereador, is sung by **Martin Lewis** and **Richard Fey**. **Mary Chun** and **Edgar Braun** share the baton; **Ken Rowland** directs.

The performances are this Friday and Saturday; then Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of the next week; and Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday of the week after that (i.e., July 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 31 and Aug. 1). The Sunday, Aug. 1, performance is at 2 p.m.; all others at 8 p.m.

Dinner Opera — Preceding the three Saturday performances (July 17, 24, 31), you can enjoy a French dinner provided by **Propos Catering**, then watch the opera from your seat at table. The cost for dinner plus opera is \$40. Tickets to the opera only are \$20 for the last few rows, which are the best place to sit due to the Hillside Club's overactive acoustics, \$10 for kids). Call 524-5256 for reservations.

Berkeley Opera productions are first rate, with fresh-voiced singers and witty, delightful productions.

Piedmont Light Opera in 'Brigadoon'

Lerner and Lowe's magical Scottish fantasy *Brigadoon* begins a one-week run this Friday, produced by the **Piedmont Light Opera Theater**. The show concerns an enchanted Scottish village that appears on Earth one day every 100 years. Into the village wander two Americans. Will they fall in love there and enter into its magic cycles, or will the enchantment be destroyed along with the village? Lerner and Lowe are famous for *My Fair Lady* and *Camelot* (another mythical town), and *Brigadoon* is fully up to their standard. The show runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday this week and next week, and then Thursday, Friday and Saturday its final week (i.e., July 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31). The Sunday, July 31, performance is at 2 p.m.; all others are at 8 p.m., all at the Alan Harvey Center at Piedmont High School, 800 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont. Seating is open. Tickets are \$11 (\$9 for seniors and kids under). Call 654-3939 for reservations.

Comedies of Chekhov and Mamet by UC-Berkeley drama department

The UC-Berkeley Department of Dramatic Art continues its summer season with Chekhov's romantic comedy *The Proposal*. It depicts the courtship efforts of a high-strung young man to propose marriage to the woman he loves. **Gary Graves**, founder of the Berkeley Playwright's Group, directs. The play runs today and tomorrow at noon at the Zellerbach Playhouse, located at the back of Zellerbach Hall on the UC campus. Tickets are \$6 (\$5 for UC faculty and staff, \$4 for seniors and students). Call 642-1677 for reservations or more information.

Playing at noon Tuesday through Friday of next week is Ellen McLaughlin's *Graceland*, "the funny and touching story of the rivalry between two Elvis fans to be the first to enter his lavish estate." **Melissa Lerman** directs.

The Durham Studio Theatre Series presents David Mamet's *The Duck Variations* tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Durham Studio Theatre, located in the basement of Dwinelle Hall, on the UC campus. Admission is free.

Two youth theater groups at UAM

Two groups perform this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Sculpture Garden at University Art Museum. The **Children's Folk Theater**, with performers aged 8 to 12, will present three African dilemma tales that produce young people to issues of ethical decision making.

The **Theater 11th Street**, whose actors are 13 to 20, presents *Dilemma Tales*, a work-in-progress that focuses on choices confronting young adults in today's society. Admission is free. The museum is at 2625 Durant Ave. (just below College Avenue) in Berkeley. For more information, call 643-6494 during normal office hours.

'Shoo-Wop Shoo-Wop' at EGYPT

This Friday **EGYPT (Experimental Group Young People's Theatre)** begins a six-week run of *Shoo-Wop Shoo-Wop*, the story of a musical group's struggle to get to the top in the music industry. The musical team of **Kimberly Jackson**, **Rodney Bell**, **Brian Cohen** and **Charles Lothlen III** provides the show's mix of rhythm and blues, pop and ballads. The musical plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through Aug. 21, at the EGYPT theater, 5306 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 for seniors and students, \$4 for children under 12). The July 30 performance is a special fund-raiser with champagne and music; tickets are \$25. Call 533-4664 for reservations.

More events

Everything goes at Woodminster

■ *Cole Porter is at his coruscating best—and so is Woodminster—in 'Anything Goes.'*

By Don McConnell

Anything Goes is the kind of musical that is perfect for Woodminster. The theater, which is as satisfying an outdoor theater as I know, does best with shows with exaggerated gestures and slightly overstated comedy.

Musical comedy

Competing with (alternately) a ceiling of stars or swirling clouds of fog, and needing to communicate with back rows as high and far away as in an opera house, a cast at Woodminster can't pull any punches.

In this production of *Anything Goes*, everything does go, and the audience goes home enormously entertained. Entertained, we might add, by one of the fluffiest theater pieces around.

The show, which opened in November 1934, marked the beginning of Cole Porter's period of greatest success (though he'd had plenty of hit songs before that). Watching the show, you wonder if it doesn't have all of his biggest hits—"You're the Top" is followed by "Delovely," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "Anything Goes" and "Night and Day."

(Actually, "Night and Day" is from Porter's 1932 *Gay Divorce*; it's inserted in this production in place of "All Through the Night." Harriet Schlader, of the husband-wife team who bring us these Woodminster productions, says the substitution is often made in revivals.)

What's striking, beyond the un-dated brilliance of the Porter hits, is how little they grow out of the action of the show. Compared to Rodgers and Hammerstein, this is a revue—a series of unrelated numbers strung together by silly, though very cleverly worked-out, gags that don't quite equal a plot.

A little research explains why. The play was originally written by P.G. Wodehouse and Guy Bolton around the premise of a shipwreck. When, two months before the show opened, the *Morro Castle* sank with major loss of life, that plot was junked, and Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse were called in to rewrite the play. As the cast rehearsed, the authors were just finishing act I with act II yet to write.

It's a recipe for disaster, except for the talents involved. The one-liners are still fresh ("Liquor never touches my lips," says Mrs. Harcourt snootily. "You've found a shortcut?" asks Elisha Whitney). The situations, though predictable, are far from stale, and the songs would rescue a much weaker play.

The Schladers (James directed and produced, Harriet choreographed) differentiate their productions from others in the area by their mixing of professional actors and talented amateurs.

In this production, all of the roles were strongly cast, but the three leads (shown in the photo above) were really remarkable.



Judy Lepore

Bill Carroll (front) is a gangster disguised as a priest, Marjorie Thompson is an evangelist turned night-club singer, and Mark Hurty is Billy Crocker, man of a dozen disguises, in 'Anything Goes.'

The newcomer and, by a slight edge, the best was Mark Hurty as the prank-prone stock broker Billy Crocker. (The character was named after Porter's San Francisco friend, William Crocker, of the railroad and banking Crockers.)

Hurty seemed to embody the insouciance of the songs and plot gags—a character who couldn't exist outside of a 1930s musical. He was at his best materializing on the scene from nowhere, always in a new disguise. He was a little less convincing in the one scene that calls for sentimental sincerity—the performance of "Night and Day" as Billy sits in the brig.

Hurty's equal in comedy was Bill Carroll as Moonface Martin, Public Enemy No. 13 (but hoping to climb higher in the rankings before he reaches the "hot seat.") Carroll is a Woodminster veteran, a "treasure" is probably a better word. I've never seen his stereotype—the rotund and jovial lowlife—better done.

Despite his tendency to react, when startled, by pulling out a machine gun, this was a gangster you'd trust your kids with. It was really a delightful and heartwarming characterization.

The female lead in the show is not Billy's beloved, but the brassy Reno Sweeney, an evangelist turned nightclub singer (though she's not above turning back into a preacher to lead a shipboard worship service, which in the

loony world of this ship consists of the chorus-line number "Blow, Gabriel, Blow").

Marjorie Thompson was a delight in this role originally created by Ethel Merman. Her voice is more of a lyric soprano (she's toured in *My Fair Lady*, according to the program notes) than the Mermanesque bray the role calls for. But she has the temperament to play the savvy Reno, and she was especially good in the scenes where she tries to seduce the stuffy Sir Evelyn Oakley (he can't understand her Americanisms, like "I have hot pants for you").

The secondary leads were all well handled. Linda McCulloch, as the society girl loved by Billy, had a voice like Merman, making more than one audience member ask why she wasn't cast as Reno Sweeney. But she was also a good Hope Harcourt.

Betty Harwood was properly (and comically) starchy as Hope's imperious mother.

Alex Brill made a splendid start in the role of Billy's boss, mogul Elisha Whitney, but the character fades into the background as soon as the ship moves out to sea.

Ken Ross couldn't be bettered as Sir Evelyn, too naive to realize he's being seduced, but human enough to fall for Reno in the end, after she shows him what moonlight is for.

Christy Payson was a kick as Moonface's feisty moll, Bonnie,

delivering a vintage New York accent and dancing up a storm.

The four angels—Reno's backup singers—were also right on the mark, leggy and full of insinuating wiggles.

There were a couple of big chorus numbers which went all-out, filling the stage with tap dancers. The standard is not quite that of Broadway, but the overall effect is pretty dazzling nonetheless. It's not that individual dancers flub, but that the entire line lost its symmetry on occasion.

The costumes, by Chriss Zaida, were wonderful, especially the outfits given to Reno and her angels. But even the background costumes were eye-catching; I especially liked the red satin ribbons on the sailor uniforms.

The show operates in a single basic set (occasionally parts of it are altered to create a stateroom or the brig), and it is handsomely done (by Clay James). The orchestra, in an innovative stroke, is put on an upper deck—where it would be on a real ship. The sound was occasionally a little faint (most notably in the overture), but generally the score was well and stylishly played. Michael Horsley conducted.

Anything Goes plays Thursday, through Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Woodminster Amphitheater, in Joaquin Miller Park. Tickets are \$10 to \$18; call 531-9597 for reservations. Dress warmly.

Big names don't guarantee an edge-of-your-seat movie

■ *'The Firm' suffers from an implausible script.*

By Renata Polt

The Firm is one of those movies long awaited by fans of its best-seller novel original (by John Grisham).

Movies

Directed by Sydney Pollack, the 2-1/2-hour thriller stars a host of big names — Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman, Ed Harris, Holly Hunter, Hal Holbrook, David Strathairn, Wilford Brimley, Gary Bussey and hot newcomer Jeanne

Tripplehorn — and has a script by big-time screenwriters Robert Towne and playwright David Rabe.

So, why is *The Firm* so boring?

The story begins in Cambridge, when newly hatched lawyer Mitch McDeere (Cruise) is being ardently wooed by a covey of prestigious law firms. They outdo one another in the extravagance of their offers to this top-of-the-class kid who waits tables to keep himself and his teacher wife, Abby (Tripplehorn), in pizazz.

When the juiciest offer comes in, from Bendini, Lambert & Locke, a small, prestigious Mem-



Gene Hackman is Tom Cruise's mentor in a corrupt law firm.

phis outfit, Mitch persuades Abby, who is reluctant to move to a small Southern city, that the deal is too good to pass up.

Soon they're ensconced in the house that *The Firm* has leased for them, and — though they

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East Bay Events continued

Ellen Boscov comedy at Blue Rose

Third Stone Productions is presenting *Dillsberry*, a comedy by East Bay playwright Ellen Boscov. The press release states: "A lustful ghost, her puritanical mayor-husband, their innocent young daughter and a handsome stud named Devil examine liberty, loss of innocence and lingerie in a small-minded town. Two old biddies attempt to enforce the mayor's prohibition on sex as black plastic bras and crotchless undies are flung at the audience in protest."

The comedy opens tomorrow and plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through July 31, at the Theatre of the Blue Rose, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 for seniors and students); no one is turned away for lack of funds. Call 486-9458 for reservations or more details.

Weslia Whitfield: somewhere between Ella Fitzgerald and Mabel Mercer



Weslia Whitfield

The *Chronicle* called Weslia Whitfield "the most totally satisfying cabaret-cum-jazz singer around." A background piece places her "somewhere between the jazz freedom of an Ella Fitzgerald or Sarah Vaughan and the great cabaret tradition of Mabel Mercer and Bobby Short."

She's performed at the Fairmont Hotel in S.F. and the Algonquin in N.Y., as well as on Garrison Keillor's *American Radio Company*.

Whitfield appears with the Mike Greensill Duo this Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Admission is \$20; reservations are a must for this tiny, exquisite hall designed by Bernard Maybeck. Call 848-3228.

'Dean of the theater organ' plays for two silent classics at the Paramount

Theater organist Gaylord Carter, now 87 and considered the "dean of the theater organ," will accompany two silent-film classics this Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. The films are Charlie Chaplin's *The Immigrant* and Harold Lloyd's *For Heaven's Sake*. Tickets are \$7 to \$17. Call 465-6400 for details.

Two Menotti operas at Dunsmuir House

The Oakland Opera presents free performances of two classic one-act operas by Gian-Carlo Menotti this Sunday. The operas are *The Telephone* and *The Old Maid and the Thief*. The operas will be performed in the gardens of the Dunsmuir House, beginning at 1 p.m. The Dunsmuir estate, a vision of 19th-century tranquility, will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Picnics are encouraged. Dunsmuir is at 2960 Peralta Oaks Court; take the 106th Avenue exit from Highway 580 East. Call 562-3232.

'Platinum tenor' from Jackson Hole

Judd Grossman, a singer/songwriter/guitarist from Jackson Hole, Wyo., is coming to the East Bay hard on the heels of his new CD, *Reckless Love*. Grossman has a classically trained tenor that he applies to country/folk music of his own composing.

Grossman is coming to New Pieces at 8 p.m. tomorrow for a solo acoustic concert. New Pieces is at 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 for seniors). Call 527-6779 for more details.

"*Reckless Love* highlights his platinum tenor within a varied landscape of carefully novel compositions," said a reviewer in Salt Lake City.



Judd Grossman

Coro Polifonico Polironiano to sing

The Coro Polifonico Polironiano is a choir of 14 adults from the Basilica of San Benedetto on the Po River near Mantova, Italy. Last summer they hosted the Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers during their European tour. Now the GGBCB is returning the favor.

The Italian choir will perform Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley, in a program of sacred and secular music. For details, call 887-4311. Donation asked.

U.C. Theatre salutes Sergei Eisenstein

New 35mm prints of classic movies directed by Sergei Eisenstein are being shown in Berkeley in connection with the S.F. Symphony's Russian festival. The showings are on the next three Tuesdays at the U.C. Theatre, 2036 University Ave. (at Shattuck); 843-6267.

July 20: *Strike* (7:15 p.m.), *Que Viva Mexico* (5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.).

Aug. 3: *Ivan the Terrible Part 1* (7:05 p.m.), *Ivan the Terrible Part 2* (5:15 p.m. and 9 p.m.).

Aug. 10: *Battleship Potemkin* (7:30 p.m.), *Alexander Nevsky* (5:20 p.m., 9 p.m.).

Celebration of poetry, jazz, hip hop

Poetry Flash presents an evening of poetry, prose, hip hop and jazz Monday at 8 p.m. at Keystone Korner Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Taking part are Quincy Troupe, poet and author of *Snake-Back Solos* and *Weather Reports*; guitarist Phil Upchurch; Piri Thomas, author of the *Down These Mean Streets* (with keyboardist Carlos Frederico); hip-hop rapper A.K. Black with Eco-Rap. Also on the program is *Langston*, a piece by Wayne Cook and composer Vincent Gomez based on the poetry of Langston Hughes. Tickets are \$15; call 652-9200.

On Sunday, Troupe, Thomas and A.K. Black hold workshops for poets and jazz players ("all levels welcome"). Three sessions; \$30 for one, \$45 for all three. Call 525-5476 for reservations.



Piri Thomas

Hot Fourth at Estuary Park Third annual Liberty Hills Blues Festival

An all-star lineup of blues artists warmed up Estuary Park the weekend of July 3 and 4 in the third annual Liberty Hills Blues Festival.

The festival was a rousing success, with great blues artists like Bill Doggett (Mr. Honky Tonk), Guitlar Shorty, Joe Houston (King of the Honkers), Zakiya Hooker and OZA, and more than a dozen others.

Estuary Park is becoming one of the hottest spots in the East Bay for festivals. Stay tuned.

Right: Joe Houston, King of the Honkers, works the crowd. Below: A young blues fan watches the masters. (Photos by Kamau Amen-Ra)



MOCHA holds courses for kids in wide variety of graphic arts

The Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA) announces its summer arts program for 6- to 8-year-olds from 9 a.m. to noon, and 9- to 12-year-olds from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The sessions are Tuesdays through Fridays; the cost is \$175 per session.

You may register for one or more sessions (the first session is already over and the second is underway).

Session II: July 13 to 23, Painting, Chinese Brush Painting, Sculpture. Instructors: Susan Van

Cleve, Maria Koo-Gin and Kathleen McPherson

Session III: July 27 to Aug. 6, Painting/Drawing, Papier Mache, Photography. Instructors: Susan Van Cleve, Kathleen McPherson and Jill Weinstock.

Session IV: Aug. 10 to 20, Puppetry, Papermaking, Children and Fashion. Instructors: Leah Korican and Slobodan Dan Paich.

To receive a registration brochure or further information, call 465-8770. MOCHA is at 560 Second St., Oakland.

Youth music classes at Laney

Laney College will host a music camp this summer for children in grades 6 through 9 who play a musical instrument.

Camps will be offered in both symphonic band and students from all school districts are welcome.

Topics of study will include theory and repertoire classes, sectionals, rehearsals and performance.

Each camp will culminate in a performance at the end of the session.

Camp will be held at the Laney College Music Department,

Building G, 900 Peralta

Oakland.

The symphonic band is underway. It continues on July 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. will perform in the Laney College

The orchestra session meet from July 19 until 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. orchestra will perform concert in the Laney College

Cost is \$85.00 for room and includes snacks and

For more information, call 464-3221 or 464-3461.

Firm

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don't find this out until later — talking into the bugs that The Firm has neatly hidden all over the house.

Well, if *The Firm* has a thing or two to hide, like the fact that they represent a Chicago Mafia family and only 30 percent of their income ("billable hours," as lawyers like to say) comes from legitimate sources, Mitch has a few skeletons in his closet, too: his brother Ray (Strathairn), in the pen on a manslaughter charge, and his unstable mother, living in a trailer camp with her latest boyfriend.

Funny that a company doing business with the Mafia wouldn't do a background check on a new employee.

When two of *The Firm's* lawyers are killed in a mysterious boating accident, Mitch begins to

smell a rat. And none too soon: a company so paternalistic that it suggests whether or not a career is appropriate for an employee's spouse, and whether children are desirable, has to be up to something odd.

If all this doesn't add up to an edge-of-the-seat movie experience, the fault lies mainly in a confusing and improbable script, making up in clichés what it lacks in character development.

For instance, there's the muddled affair in the Cayman Islands, where Mitch's cynical mentor Avery Tolar (Hackman) conducts some tax business for a client.

I never could figure out the purpose of the repeated trips to the Caymans, nor why Tolar is so eager to have Mitch along — unless it's so that he can set him up for a little blackmail scheme that will ensure Mitch's loyalty.

If the frame-up seems overly familiar, wait until you see the seedy P.I. (Busey), complete with tarty secretary (Hunter), whom Mitch consults. Ironically, these two characters provide some of the film's liveliest moments.

Mitch McDeere is supposed to come off as ambitious though basically principled, but Cruise seems simply clever and not very deep.

Tripplehorn's Abby isn't even very clever, and when she slips someone a mickey (yes, they still do that, at least in the movies),

it's a total surprise.

Nor do we find out much of the law from this movie lawyers. In *L.A. Law*, for faults, we're at least exposed to a variety of cases, their consequences, their consequences what can you do with

The Firm doesn't even have any courtroom scenes. What it does give us names — Northwest Hyatt Hotels — prominently played in many shots, and the picture's slick, cold, cynical.

Bay Area Dance Series seeks performers for

The Bay Area Dance Series is now accepting applications for its ninth annual season at Laney College. The 1994 series theme, "Hometown," will honor the excellence and superior achievement of the Bay Area's multicultural dance and performing arts community.

Companies, independent choreographers and movement-oriented performing artists are invited to submit proposals. The series welcomes existing works, new works and all works produced which demonstrate "home" — whatever that means to you and your work.

Proposals should include:

- (1) History and background of your work.
- (2) Definition of the dance/performance you represents.
- (3) Description of the work to be presented at the "Hometown" event.
- (4) Whether it is a new work.
- (5) Videotape of your work and a self-addressed stamped envelope for the work.

The deadline for submissions is July 31. Send proposals to: Bay Area Dance Series, 4111 house Road, Oakland 94612-464-3540 for more details.

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Emlyn Williams' not-so-classic whodunit at Live Oak

Instead of 'whodunit,' the question is 'When will he do it again?'

Jillian Sandell

Currently playing at Live Oak Theatre in North Berkeley is a murder mystery with a different twist. In most thrillers the suspense revolves around whodunit.

Stage

In Emlyn Williams' *Night Must Fall*, however, the audience realizes who the murderer is and the central questions become: Will he be caught? Will he do it again?

The murder in question takes place in a small town in Essex, England. The action is set in 1935, the country home of Mrs. Bransom, an elderly woman who lives with her niece, Olivia, and the cook and maid.

Other than the daily visits of Mr. Laurie, a gentleman caller to Olivia who is utterly oblivious to her lack of interest, the life at Night Must Fall is dull and quiet. That is, until Dan, the mysterious young man responsible for get-

ting the maid pregnant, joins the household.

Suddenly the household's every move turns on Dan. Mrs. Bransom, previously a crotchety old hypochondriac, is taken in by his charm and adopts him like the son she never had.

The cook, maid and Mr. Laurie likewise warm to his friendly disposition.

Only Inspector Belsize from Scotland Yard and Olivia have their suspicions.

Olivia, however, finds herself powerfully attracted to Dan. She seeks him out, asks him questions, even lies to protect him, and ultimately finds herself torn between her feelings for him and her sense of morality.

The way in which Olivia is simultaneously attracted to and repelled by Dan becomes the central motif of the play. Admittedly this is a somewhat tired dramatic theme, but in the context of a play filled with cardboard cutout characters, it added an element of interest.

Unfortunately, not only were all the characters complete stereotypes — from the cheeky cockney cook to the bumbling Mr. Laurie



The mysterious intruder Dan (Jeff McDonald) is treated by Nurse Libby (Flora Scalabrino de Valcourt) and the cook (Emerald O'Leary) in 'Night Must Fall,' playing through Aug. 7 at Berkeley's Live Oak Theatre.

— but the attempts at English accents were painful to endure. Somehow I suspect it would be better not to try to sound English, since the results only served to distract the audience from con-

centrating on the play. After a slow start with some very stilted acting, the action picked up, and in the second half, the actors had warmed up considerably. By the final scene, there

were moments of tension and I was curious to know how it was all going to end.

Life is dull in Forest Corner until Dan, the mysterious young man who impregnated the maid, joins the household.

Night Must Fall is presented by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, Berkeley's oldest theater group, which has been producing plays for 36 years. The play is at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman).

It runs Friday and Saturday through Aug. 7, with a Thursday performance Aug. 5; all performances at 8 p.m.

For reservations, call 528-5620. Admission is \$8 with special rates for groups of 15 or more.

Oakland's municipal band begins 82nd concert season

The 82nd concert season of the Oakland Municipal Band is underway. Bring family and friends along with a blanket or lawn chairs to the four remaining concerts, at 2:30 p.m. each Sunday through Aug. 8, at the bandstand in Lakeside Park.

The band, made up of union musicians, is sponsored by Friends of the Oakland Municipal Band, the Musicians Performance Trust Funds, the Oakland Redevelopment Agency and the city of Oakland.

In its first decade, the band routinely drew crowds of 3,000 or 4,000 people from around the Bay Area to its Sunday concerts. Today it draws 200 or 300, but the crowds include families, seniors, the whole spectrum of the community.

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WORD OF MOUTH

By John McNulty

This column ought to be called Foot in Mouth! Oh, you thought it was?

Last week we took note of the fine cooking coming from the kitchen of Piemonte Ovest (3909 Grand Ave., Oakland; 601-0500). Well, while WoM's sense of taste may not be far off, our problem with names persists. WoM's apologies to chef Jane Davies (who hasn't even asked) for mis-identifying her in last week's column. And, while we are at it, the same apology to co-owner Raymond Hatch for changing his wife's name. Your vows are still in effect, guys!

About the Hatch/Davies. They came here from Australia by way of Europe. They fell in love with the "simple, clean-flavored and soul-satisfying" foods of Italy during a lengthy stay in the Mediterranean. The flavors at Piemonte are Mediterranean with an emphasis on Italian.

Executive chef Jane Davies spotlights foods from throughout this region on her ever-changing menu. Classically trained, with Bay Area cooking experience at the Mark Hopkins, Bucci's and Bay Wolf, she interprets old-country classics with a large measure of California creativity.

Husband "Hatch," as he is known, greets diners at the

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■ MARTIN SNAPP

TV Or Not TV: Was I angry! I tuned the tube to C-Span last Wednesday, but it had been replaced by a game show! I switched to C-Span 2, and there was some guy hawking laundry detergent!

What in the world is going on? "Don't blame us, blame the FCC," sighs Dahlia Moodie, general manager of Bay Cablevision. "They're making us do it. They say we have to carry every local station, no matter how few people are watching. We even have to carry more home shopping shows! But they won't let us add any more channels to make room. So we have to cut back on good national stations, like C-Span.

"The irony is that they claim they're doing this in the interest of free speech. But the practical result is that C-Span, which does more to spread information than any other channel, has to be cut back."

In the new lineup C-Span 2 shares channel 52 with Court TV, while C-Span is way out in what Moodie calls "cable Siberia," splitting time on Channel 60 with KMTP. "Believe me," she says, "I'm not any happier about this than you are."

But wait, fellow C-Span junkies, there's hope! Moodie is flying to Washington, D.C., tomorrow to try and convince the FCC to grant us an exemption. But she'll have to convince them that there's a strong ground swell of popular demand out here.

Get the hint? Send your nasty letters (nasty about the feds, that is, not her. Remember, she's on our side) to Moodie at Bay Cablevision, 2900 Technology Court, Richmond, CA 94806. Or fax her at 262-1838. And don't worry about the time factor. Even if your letter gets there after she's left for Washington, they'll fax it on to her.

Go get 'em, Dahlia!

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P.S. Since C-Span and C-Span 2 are now sharing channels with other stations, you may be wondering (as Jim Hartman of Albany was) why C-Span and C-Span 2 are on in the daytime and the other stations are on during prime time. "It shuts out C-Span fans like me, who work during the day," he says. "Why not run the other stations during the day, instead?"

"It was a close call," replies Moodie, "but we finally decided to run C-Span during the day because that's when it's on in real time. We figured people can tape the routine congressional sessions and watch them when they get home at night. But when an important news story is breaking, and that's usually during the daytime, people need to be able to watch it live."

And a final note: Remember KMTP, the station that's sharing a channel with C-Span? That's Channel 32, which, if you recall, was taken away from KQED a few years ago and given to a group of owners who promised to turn it into an African-American station.

Well, in the course of researching this column, I tuned it in the other night. On it was a really preppy-looking white guy (Shetland sweater, button down shirt, etc.) named Dennis Wholley interviewing that well-known African-American activist — Sylvester Stallone's mother!

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Puttin' On The Dog: The snobs in Napa County (or is that redundant?) have wine-tastings, but only in Berkeley can you find a dog-tasting.

Yes, society watchers, Sunday was the occasion of Judge Julie Conger's 13th annual Dog Tasting Party. Once again, everybody who is anybody (and a lot of nobodies, too) crowded into the Berkeley Muni Court jurist's back yard to sample 120 pounds of kielbasa, bockwurst, hot links, Cajun sausages, turkey sausages, British bangers, and plain old ball park franks.

"Here, try this," said the judge, handing me a kielbasa. "It's a naive little kielbasa, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption."

Over in one corner, former Oakland City Councilwoman Marge Gibson Haskell was oohing and ahing over the bockwurst. "It's a delicate flavor, yet it's not overwhelmed by the mustard," she said.

In another corner, Joseph Charles, the now-retired Waving Man of Berkeley, was holding court. "I'm busier now than before I retired," he said, and he wasn't kidding. The latest: He's just been invited to be the Grand Marshall of the Crazy Hat Parade at the Solano Stroll, coming up Sept. 12.

"He won't have to wear a hat, of course," says Lisa Bullwinkel, chief administrator of the Stroll. "We'll be satisfied if he wears his trademark day-glo gloves."

Hoke smokes! Lisa Bullwinkel! I should have included her in my column about wacky names.

"Not only that," she says, "but my best friend when I was growing up was named Rochelle Woolley. Naturally, everyone called her Rocky."

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Entre Amis: Want to do something different this summer? Why not host a foreign student? A local group called Nacel Cultural Exchanges has 27 French teenagers coming next week, and they're still looking for a few homes.

"The kids will bring their own spending money, and their insurance has already been paid," says coordinator Verna Verspioren of Berkeley. "All you have to provide is room and board — and, of course, a little TLC."

The students will arrive July 24 and stay until Aug. 21. If you're interested, call Verspioren at 525-3505. "It's not only a great way to spend the summer," she says, "it can often lead in directions you don't expect. I've seen lifelong friendships grow out of this. One woman went to visit her exchange student in France the next year, and the kid's family just knocked themselves out for her. They fixed her a five course gourmet meal, the works."

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Got a hot tip? Phone Martin at 273-9543 or write him at 2936 Domingo, Berkeley 94705.

Donations

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new programs or, occasionally, have to cut back in services.

But one loss really bothers Kurtz.

She'd love to offer more day camp scholarships to kids who need them, but there's no city budget money — and private donations have only totalled \$2,000 so far.

"We're using \$1,000 for day camp scholarships," she said.

"I've had to put the second \$1,000 aside for scholarships for other recreational programs in the summer and this fall," she said. Children must make partial payments at any rate.

"\$1,000 doesn't go very far with 10 weeks of programming," she said.

Day camp coordinator Jerilyn Rainosek is convinced that the program is worthwhile. Rainosek, who has a degree in recreation administration, coordinates the daycare site at Madera school year round; in the summer she coordinates the Madera program for 6- to 9-year-olds and the Arlington Park program for 9- to 12-year-olds.

"A lot of our kids come from single-parent families," she said. "It can really be the only alternative for them."

"The staff also offers good role models — we have great male staff members. Female staff members are also excellent role models; we have several single-parent families where the kids live with their fathers."

Many of the college and older high school students who work for the program are returning staff, she said, bringing with them a good background and experience in working with children.

Each week she gives them a schedule, for which they then plan their own activities, coordinated with the weekly theme.

"It's a good program," Rainosek said.

It's structured, but there's flexibility in the sched-

ule. There are group games, sports, life skills training, field trips for older kids.

Themes can range from a Southwest Fiesta (with an end-of-the-week chili cookoff) to "Life in the Fast Lane" (with games about budgeting your money).

But despite its popularity, financial realities have hurt the program, which serves about 230 children in seven locations around the city.

"We've always had a long waiting list," said Kurtz. "This is the first year we still have room; we're about 95 percent full."

While fees have gone up 5 percent, in a second-step increase mandated by the City Council, the program has not been cut back. While one older camp was terminated this year, another camp was expanded.

According to Kurtz, El Cerrito's day camp fee "is still one of the lowest in the area," at \$84.75 per week for residents. She blames the economy for much of the drop-off in attendance.

"We've heard from some families that someone is out of work or they just have to cut back on spending — having their kids stay home with a brother or sister instead, for example." It's those kids Kurtz would like to help make it to camp.

As for other recreational programs, there have been some expansions, some cutbacks.

Lap swimming, lessons and general recreational swimming are still offered, though financial cutbacks have led to closure of the pool for public swimming on weekends.

The six to eight lifeguards required for public swims is too costly.

"It's very expensive, but it's safe," Kurtz said.

On the other hand, the community center is offering, for the first time this year, sports clinics in basketball and soccer through an independent contractor. The conference room at the center — along with Kurtz's own office at times — is being rented out for

piano and guitar lessons.

"We're looking for any way the Community Center can enhance its programs as well as bring in revenue," she said.

Plans for fall are underway. Kurtz noted that the city is working in partnership with the El Cerrito Pool to offer lap swimming on a drop-in basis during the winter months (beginning Oct. 1). She is also working to develop a maintenance fund in case something happens to the pool," she said. "We're doing that's crucial."

Staff is also working with the El Cerrito Community Association on fundraising for much needed equipment. In addition, Kurtz said, adding her willingness to see any community groups on fundraising. Recently, she added, the El Cerrito Christian Center and the Soroptimist Club made financial donations. The city also solicited in the purchase of more playground equipment for the El Cerrito Preschool, an improvement which she's very grateful.

Work is also underway on the fall/winter schedule of class offerings. Kurtz is looking for more teachers, particularly those willing to teach young children.

In addition, the community center is still committed to providing recreational programming in the schools.

All the planning and creative ideas are also being undertaken in a difficult context, however.

"We're in a double whammy," Kurtz said. "We can only cut personnel so much. Then you have to cut back on programs, and then you're back on revenues."

"We're doing our best to keep things going. Those who wish to make a donation to the scholarship fund or other fundraising efforts can contact Kurtz at the Community Center or Beth Barthe Hall.

Hill

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came Topic A, with one citizen to characterizing the board's action as "a snowjob in July."

"Now the bonds are passed, the citizens have the feeling they weren't told the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," said Councilmember Thelma Rubin. "During the bond campaign I was concerned about the process being open and involving the public," said Councilmember Bill Cain. "That important component seems to be missing." "The community depends on the board and the superintendent to make best use of the tax dollars," Hudson replied. "The board is going to be very prudent." Speaking in support of the board's decision, parent and school site committee member Bob Richards pointed out that the Hill site was not available at the time of the election.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Steve Barton, a Berkeley housing official, said the financial loss to the city was not as large as projected because fees are levied only to cover costs, there is no profit and "no residential development in California pays for itself."

School board Diane McNenny told the council she was "very upset by the antagonism" shown toward the school board.

"I want to allay fears that the school board is trying to put anything over on anyone. The bonds were passed with the best intentions. We're here to do something for the children of Albany," she said.

Library

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closed.

Offering some fiscal hope is a bill currently in the legislature allowing formation of special library benefit assessment districts. Under the law, the county may form the district merely by notifying the citizenry. If 5 percent of those notified reject the plan, an election requiring a 50 percent, plus one, vote would be held.

If the bill is passed and signed by the governor, the assessment district could be underway by next July.

With Friends of the Library effort to rally citizen support, "over 600 people have signed up to help,"

according to Davis. The goal is to secure dedicated funding for the library that the state can't take away and the county can't re-allocate, she said.

Most heartbreaking is that the short hours will be in effect when the new library opens its doors next January. In stiff competition with cities throughout the state, Albany was awarded a state library grant of \$2.6 million in 1991.

"But that was for construction, not for operations," Davis said. "We have to believe we're building for a long time and services will be restored."

With 88 percent of county revenue coming from

Hill site, may now have to be worked out with the school district or another site sought. The city is negotiating with Hill to swap the land for a portion of BART tracks.

• With the ability to require new developments to pay a parkland fee, dedicate a portion of the city's parks or a combination of the two, the city could realize between \$576,303 and \$631,189 in revenue, pending on the cost per square foot, or a dedication of land equivalent to seven single-family lots, according to Cabrera's estimates.

• Should the school district plan include construction of school campuses and closure of the MacGregor schools, the city would also need to consider possible land use changes and new zoning in abandoned sites.

An additional one-time sum of \$618,990, including planning fees, public works fees and property taxes, would go unrealized by the city if the bonds were to public rather than private use, according to Davis.

On a motion by Councilmember Cain, however, voted to set up a meeting of the Two by Two committee to "explore what is really going on and report to the council as soon as possible."

The committee, made up of Mayor Babin, Mayor Brodsky, Board President Ed McMahon, Board Vice President Peggy Thomsen, usually meets quarterly.

property taxes, the state transfer of the tax base from the 1993-94 Alameda County Library budget of \$17.7 million to \$9.8 million resulting in a 44 percent reduction in staff and open hours systems.

Purchase of books, reduced by 50 percent, will be reduced another 50 percent this year.

Jail library and bookmobile services will be back and child, teen and adult programs will be eliminated.

People wishing to keep informed of strategy and help in support of the Albany Library are up at the library, Davis said.

"The effect of the legislation isn't what it would be," said McGraw. "It works in some districts, but not in others (including most of the city)."

In a second possibility, McGraw pointed out a regular process by which a committee of county assessors works with the state controller's office to develop guidelines for its implementation. The committee was to meet for the second time this month to meet with state representatives in August.

"It's possible their review may result in a more favorable outcome than now (for fire services), but we think and hope that fire services will be taken care of somehow."

As for police services, county lobbyists are working now on an amendment to restore some of the funding.

In the meantime, the legislation already passed, SB1135, eliminates special district augmentation, and that's not open to interpretation by the auditor.

"We know what it means," said McGraw. "The county is going to lose a substantial amount of money, and no longer be able to rely on that kind of revenue."

In submitting the proposed amendment, the county will draw attention to both Kensington and the countywide police service area as two operations that will be adversely affected by the legislation — in the hope that the state will make changes.

Kensington

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and Kensington will be able to keep \$182,000 now paid into that fund.

That still leaves, however, a \$300,000 to \$400,000 gap the district will need to fill.

Kensington's fire district is also waiting for firm figures for next year, as board members prepare to take action on the future of the district — whether fire services will remain a separate entity for Kensington as they are now, or whether they should be contracted out to the El Cerrito or Berkeley Fire Departments, both of which have submitted (requested) proposals for the services.

"We've been analyzing the pros and cons (of each)," said district board member Ron Eggherman, who added that remaining a separate entity "becomes less of an option as the (financial) projections are being made."

In the meantime, both El Cerrito and Berkeley must wait to make their own plans while Kensington waits for firm financial projections.

"I'd like to hear some decision, but I understand they have to take some time," said El Cerrito Fire Chief Steve Cutright. "The district doesn't want to be overextended; they have a finite amount of funding. They're faced with decisions that require careful thought and carefully considered action." (But) once the state's budget is known, the district will have to work with some dispatch."

Eggherman's figures so far haven't been quite so drastic as the drops expected for police services. According to the preliminary numbers he's received,

the district should receive under \$1.2 million, with a budget goal set at \$1.1 million.

"That's a real informal figure," he stressed, noting that the current \$1.4 million budget was made possible by a number of funds that had been carried forward as well as one-time funds.

"The monies we'll be getting from our property taxes will be reduced by \$150,000 to \$175,000," he estimated. "It's a big dip, but it's still a substantial amount of money."

Even the budget goal remains fluid. Eggherman pointed out, for example, that the district must still meet and confer with employees before an exact budget can be set.

Special district analyst for Contra Costa County, Terry McGraw, was even more hesitant to speculate yet about the financial future of either service, though he too seemed to feel the outlook might be a little better for fire services.

"Fire's on a different track," said McGraw. "We have hopes that legislation will be amended or that a second (possibility) will see to it that...fire agencies are protected and maintained."

A trailer bill now under discussion in the state legislature — one having to do with the disposition of the 1/2-cent sales tax — may increase the amount of funds available to Kensington's — and other districts' — fire services.

According to McGraw, one goal of the bill is to address some inequities.

In the Game



By Peter Mentor

Still only a game

"When It Was Only A Game," the baseball documentary made from a string of old family movies that aired after the Major League All-Star game Tuesday night, was a neat look at what baseball was and what it is today.

Watching those Hall of Fame stars of the 1930s, '40s and '50s playing in those grand old stadiums was a nostalgic look on baseball, a mythical look at what baseball was in America.

It was a wonderful juxtaposition for television, allowing us to see past stars right after the all-stars of today, who make more money than entire teams did back then. I think we are fixated on the money part of the game that seems to have turned it into a business. I pretend that baseball still is an always will be just a game.

In the documentary the narrator pointed out that before television, the only way to see a game was by going to one. Television and all its trappings are in part responsible for the way sports have moved from games to big business. There is no substitute for the real thing at the park, which reveals the old appeal of baseball has survived. In the past two weeks I went to see some live baseball at the Oakland Coliseum. I got free tickets for an A's v. Angels, then my wife got the baseball bug so she attended the first and third games of the recent A's and Red Sox series.

While at the park the last thing I was thinking about was how much all of the players was getting paid. Hearing the crack of the bat and the ball, seeing the actual players down there on the field, eating hot dogs, smelling the smells and feeling the excitement of the game was well worth the money we paid.

Actually being at the park lets you physically experience baseball. It's more of a feeling, an idea that you are sharing with 70,000 other fans, even if you may be rooting for the same team. I even met Dennis Eckersley's wife in the stands by accident. He told me Dennis was more Boston than I am because he lives there in off-season.

Baseball was not a business at that point, it was part of life.

Seeing the old movies, their exaggerated and the piano and drums put in behind, I got nostalgic about the old days which never really saw. But I know baseball back then had some of the same problems we have now with how much money players were paid and the big money. Ted Williams may have looked good on film with his great swing, and today everyone sees him as an icon, as as

celebrated by his guest appearance on the broadcast booth at the All-Star game — but during his day he was not exactly loved by the fans in Boston. In fact they booed him and even cursed him at times.

I was also disturbed at how "white" baseball was back then. The narrator finally broke into a sweat on how baseball slowly begins change, even though it sometimes has to be pushed. My dad quickly bounced to the All-Star pregame show with Jessie James marching outside Camden Avenue for better hiring practices of minorities in baseball. Some things change faster than others.

Baseball has changed a lot since the old days, some for the good and some for the bad, but it has remained the same for the most part. Time on the faded video will show these as more golden years of baseball. It's still only game.

Berkeley's Top Gun falls a little short

Six-foot-and-under games among the event's toughest

By Peter Mentor

The most exciting matchup of the Budweiser 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Mosswood Park came in the 6-foot and Under Division in a Berkeley v. Oakland battle.

This was an all-out match between defending champion Top Gun, one of the best teams ever to play in 3-on-3 basketball out of Berkeley, and Oakland's Finest, a group of hometown Oakland players looking to keep the 6-foot and under title in Oakland.

Top Gun has an impressive record, winning three consecutive 3-on-3 National Championships from 1989-91 and four Mosswood victories in 1988 and running from 1990-92.

Oakland's Finest has had good teams in the past, but never made it to the finals with the wealth of talent present in this division. This time, however, they made it to the

finals undefeated and were looking at dethroning Top Gun.

Sunday morning the two unbeaten teams met in the preliminaries and Oakland's Finest won 15-13, giving them the edge in the tournament and placing a heavy demand on Top Gun for a repeat.

To reach the finals Top Gun would have to win three games in the loser's bracket and once in the finals they would have to beat Oakland's Finest twice. One loss and the four-peat was history.

Top Gun was up for the initial challenge. They beat Awesome 4-Some and No Subs before the slam dunk break, then after leading 9-3 and 13-8 against the Docs they sweated out a slim 15-14 win to make the finals (teams have to win by only one point in the loser's bracket).

The first game of the finals belonged to Top Gun. Henry

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Rough-and-tumble hoop goes official

By Peter Mentor

If any one event signifies in-your-face, gritty, hardcore, black-top summertime hoops it's the annual Budweiser Summer All-Star 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Mosswood Park in Oakland.

Of all the 3-on-3 type contests, this one is the closest to the kind of rough-and-tumble pickup games played in neighborhood parks and school yards every weekend across the country.

The event has a party atmosphere, with hot links and cold sodas, rap and hip-hop music, a little

humor and the elation of human elevation in the popular slam dunk contest.

The crowds were smaller this year because the promoters did less promoting after almost having to cancel the finals last year when the jam-packed fans had trouble staying off the court, but the event lacked neither the excitement nor drama of past contests, especially when the last game of the day was the best game of the tournament between Berkeley powerhouse Top Gun and all-Oakland upstarts

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Slam dunk winner Phil Handy

Sevens add up to losses for Albany

By Scott Kaplan

No matter what the sport or level of competition, it seems as though teams from Alameda have Albany's number. This past Sunday the sport was baseball, and it was Albany American Legion Post 292 Legion that fell victim to the island town, getting swept in an afternoon doubleheader 7-3 and 7-5.

In the opener it was the duo of St. Joseph High stars D.J. Oster and Dan Mills who did most of the damage at the plate for Alameda. Mills, the third baseman, went 3 for 3 and added a solo home run. Oster, the slick-fielding baby-faced second baseman went 3 for 3, driving in two runs.

With Alameda on top 2-0 in the

fourth behind the pitching of Adam Sanchez, Albany finally broke through with a run. With one out in the inning left-fielder Kamau Edwards unloaded on a Sanchez fast ball to left for solo home run. Both teams proceeded to trade runs in the fifth, making the score 3-2.

Entering the 7th with his team trailing by only a run, it was key that Albany starter Mike Scott shut down his opposition to give Albany a chance to tie or win in the bottom of the frame. That did not happen—with one down, Alameda pounded out six straight base hits. The result was a four-run seventh and a 7-3 loss.

In the second game of the doubleheader it appeared that Albany, behind the pitching of Josh

Hoffman, would pick up a win and a modest doubleheader split. However, like the previous game, Alameda's bats came alive late, exploding for seven runs in the final two innings, leading to a 7-5 victory.

With two outs in the sixth inning and Albany leading 2-0, Hoffman showed no signs of impending disaster: he had surrendered only one hit while striking out seven. But Alameda centerfielder Harvey Knight kept things alive by belting a double to right, thus setting the stage for Dan Mills who, on a 1-1 pitch from Hoffman, launched a home run to fight deadlocking the game at two.

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All-Stars of mid-season

By Niall Adler

It is the halfway point in the season for Major League Baseball and the annual all-star game has already been played, where the best in the National League battle the best in the American League.

In Little League this happens at the end of the season. Like its major league counterpart, it brings the best against the best. Instead of leagues playing one another, different cities battle for the chance to play in the Little League World Series, held in Williamsport, Pa.

Albany came to the double elimination tournament in Alameda and were out done by the Alameda All Stars 9-0. Alameda's pitcher gave up two hits, struck out six and walked three in a six inning complete game. The only hits came from Todd Eagle and Jon Ball.

Nano Carriendo started the game and gave up five runs in one inning before yielding way to the Joel Hooper. Hooper cooled the jets of Alameda for two innings before giving up four runs in his final inning of work. Steve Rice relieved Hooper in the fifth and along with Mike Seltzer in the sixth, gave up no runs.

It will be an uphill climb for the Albany All-Stars, who have to win five games in a row before they are even in the winners' bracket.

Baseball

By Craig Wien-Pinley

Sam Farnsworth and Alex Fields have been friends for a long time, playing in the same outfield at Berkeley High School this past spring and generally enjoying each other's company all year long.

On Monday, things were a little more tense between the two as Farnsworth of North Oakland faced Albany pitcher Fields in the sixth inning of Monday's Big League contest at North Oakland's Caldecott Field. After winning a forfeit game Tuesday against Pinole/Hercules, Albany's final record stood at 9-7.

Farnsworth got the better of Fields in the sixth, hitting a multi-hop single past a drawn-in infield which drove home the winning runs in a 3-2 North Oakland victory. Fields (3-4) took the loss for Albany despite a complete-game three-hitter.

Josh Kotler (six and a third innings of five-hit ball) and Fields dueling on the mound all evening as

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By Craig Wiens-Pinley

Four local football players ended their high school careers months ago, but will get another chance to represent their schools in this Sunday's All-Star Classic at Antioch's Eells Field (a 1 p.m. kickoff). The game, which will benefit United Cerebral Palsy, marks a turning point for many players who have earned scholarships, but for others, the game often means the end of an athletic career.

For Frank Lane, Sunday's game is a chance to ready himself for another challenge. Only 5-10, 175, Lane didn't get much exposure playing at El Cerrito, but will walk on at Sacramento State University this fall. "All the players in All-Star games should be as coachable as Lane," said El Cerrito coach Frank Milo, one of the coaches for the Contra Costa team. "He was one of the hardest workers I've ever coached, a player who hardly ever missed practice in four years and always gave 100 percent."

Milo, a 29-year veteran of

coaching football, sees a bright future for Lane, a two-time All-League player and a track standout for the Gauchos this spring. "Lane has an outstanding senior year for us," said Milo. "In our defense, he was both a strong safety and outside linebacker, but in the All-Star game he'll play safety. But he can do a lot of things, which makes him invaluable in a game like this. He can run the football too."

Jihad Akbar of Berkeley is headed to the University of California-Berkeley this fall as a defensive back. He'll play opposite Lane for the Alameda squad. Milo has already seen why the multi-talented two-way threat is headed to the Pacific 10 Conference.

"He's very noticeable," said Milo of Akbar. "If it wasn't for him, we'd have had three or four more touchdowns against Berkeley when we played them last year. He's an outstanding defensive player. He tackles well and comes up great on the run. He should do well in college."

Akbar may not see much action right away at Cal-Berkeley if all holds to form. "Most of our kids redshirt," explained recruiting coordinator David Ortega. "But if there's a need, he'll play."

Chances are, Akbar will, sooner or later, make his mark at Cal. After all, the 5-11, 185 speedster made his mark for the Yellowjackets both on offense and defense during his prep football career. He nabbed seven interceptions as a junior defensive back and racked up 86 tackles as a senior with over 700 yards combined in rushing and receiving for his 1-9 squad. Akbar also maintained a 3.1 grade-point average academically and ran track and field for Berkeley.

St. Mary's High School will send two athletes to Sunday's game, running back James Reed and lineman Joe McNeil. Reed, who's headed for Oregon, had two consecutive 1,000-yard seasons and last year had 20 touchdowns to go along with 1,328 rushing yards.

"James is diminutive, but he's a

strong kid," said St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy, who coached the Alameda squad a year ago. "They're going to keep him at running back at Oregon, which surprised me, but he's aggressive and definitely a Division I athlete."

McNeil, a 290-pound two-year starter for the Panthers, is going to Morehouse University in Atlanta, where he'll follow Bryan Brown, another St. Mary's grad. Despite missing part of last season, McNeil was an All-League pick for St. Mary's, which finished 10-2 and made the North Coast Section playoffs.

"McNeil's got good size, moves real well, and he's strong," said Shaughnessy. "He did well his senior year and he'll kick it up another notch in college, just like he did as a junior when he moved up from the junior varsity."

D. La Salle, Northern California's top football team, placed four players on the Contra Costa County roster, including

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Roundup

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North Oakland (16-4, 14-1 before last night's league championship game against Concord Continental) struggled to find a way to handle Fields' breaking pitches.

And when Mario DiPrisco drove home Kevin Patterson (who had singled) in the top of the sixth inning, it looked like Albany would pull out the neighborhood rivalry. Enter Farnsworth, who would get the big hit on offense while making a twisting catch on a pop-up to help foil Albany's seventh-inning threat.

"Sam (Farnsworth) was a little tense today, but he's a good guy and a good ballplayer," said losing pitcher Fields. "There was a lot of competitiveness on opposing sides, but we were good friends at Berkeley High and we tried to patch things up during the handshakes."

"I got lucky to knock it (the game-winning hit) up the middle," admitted Farnsworth. "We hit poorly overall and Fields kept us off-balance. He throws a nasty curve. But we played good defense today, which was a surprise; usually, it's the other way around."

Farnsworth was a big part of North Oakland's handy glove work. First, he helped turn a double play to bail Kotler out of the sixth frame. Then, after Albany loaded the bases with two out in the final frame off reliever Mike Tonsing, the shortstop handled DiPrisco's routine grounder to finish off the victory.

"We moved Sam to shortstop

halfway through the season and he keeps getting better every game," said winning coach Tim Moellering. "He certainly had a great game today." Both teams scored in the first inning, Albany pushing their run across on a Jaime Steffen single (bringing in Danny Gross).

Asa Siegel had two of North Oakland's three hits Monday as North Oakland won their second straight one-run decision over Albany. In earlier action, Albany lost on June 30th to North Oakland 5-4 as the winners scored a pair of unearned runs in the final frame. Fields and Brad Bennett drove in the Albany runs while Patterson scored two runs while getting a pair of hits

in the game.

Against Concord on July 3rd, Albany won a slugfest 17-14 after trailing 14-9 heading into the sixth inning. "It was a huge sixth inning," said Fields after the two teams combined for 17 sixth-inning runs. Steffen drove in four runs with a homer and three hits while picking up the pitching victory. Patterson plated four more with a double and a triple and DiPrisco chipped in with three RBI for the winners. Two days later, Berkeley's American Legion Post #7 team beat Fields 7-1 as Trigg Splenda had three hits, including two which drove in runs. Jon Aaron also had an RBI double, sparking a four-run first frame. Last Saturday, Albany

played a doubleheader, beating Walnut Creek 11-2 and losing a heartbreaker 11-8 to East County.

In the East County contest, Albany led 8-3 with two outs in the seventh inning before committing three errors and allowing three hits to make a loser of DiPrisco (who allowed only two earned runs). "We just fell apart," said coach Fields after the contest.

DiPrisco helped himself on offense with two hits and four RBI. His three-run homer keyed a six-run third inning. Matt Sundstrom was four-for-four with a two-run single in the third to pace the hit parade. In the Walnut Creek win, Fields was three-for-three, hitting a two-run homer and driving in two

more with a triple. Also on Albany with multiple hits were Sims, Steffen, and Gross, who had two hits apiece.

Fields, Steffen, Patterson, and Gary Tatmon were nominated to participate in tryouts for the District 4 West All-Star team. Fields was an All-Star member a season ago as the team finished third in West Regional play on the outside.

The Big League All-Star District 4 West team will be announced either Friday or Saturday, July 23rd or 24th.

Players from Albany, Hercules, North Oakland, and Walnut Creek will comprise the District 4 West squad.

Hoops

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Oakland's Finest (see accompanying story).

The two-day tournament began Saturday in the preliminary rounds when teams in three divisions were trying to avoid falling into the loser's bracket. In the double-elimination format, winners moved on against other winners while the losers dropped down into do-or-die games.

Sunday was fun day for the fans and players. It's the day divisions became smaller and only the best teams remained in the search for a divisional title, but it was also the time for the slam dunk contest.

Slam dunk contest

At 1 p.m. the slam dunk contest interrupted play, giving the players a break and letting the crowd move in closer to view what they could only hope to do, dunk the ball while doing acrobatic leaps and twists for the biggest thrills.

Seven dunkers entered the contest this year, but one rose above all the rest to wow the crowd. Myron Williams, Scheyron Clay, Maceo Bell, Darnell McCulloch, Phil Handy, Demetrius "Hook" Mitchell and Lawrence Williams could all do the regulation dunks, but each had to come up with a creative way to please the crowd for a chance to win the title.

Handy and McCulloch were the

dominant forces on the court from the start. Handy, a 1990 graduate of James Logan High and player for Skyline Junior College, is heading to the University of Hawaii this fall to play basketball. He never dunked the ball in high school, but he sure learned well since then.

"You go to the playground and mess about with friends," said Handy of the dunk school learning process. "In high school I couldn't dunk. It depends on how creative you are. Creativity is what really gets it for you. I just finished up this year at Skyline College. I'm excited about the University of Hawaii. That's going to be something new to me."

"This was my first time in the slam dunk contest," he said.

After the dunk-off play was resumed in the division races.

Rec Division

The Recreation Division final was first. National defending champion Triple Threat (the Bud 3-on-3 goes around the country and ends up in Venice Beach and they won it last year) met Kelly's Krew.

Triple Threat stormed back from an eight point deficit with eight unanswered points to tie the game at 13 apiece. Derrick Ford, a 1985 Berkeley High graduate, stole the ball and was fouled. He missed the free throw, but his team got the

ball. Marvin Ford, a 1980 Berkeley grad and the brother of Derrick, drove inside for the go-ahead point. Marvin then swished a nice right hook for the game winner in an amazing come-from-behind victory.

It was the team's 15th victory in a row and it qualified them for the National tournament in Venice Beach.

Open Division

The Open Division was won from beginning to end by Fila, a team with a 23-game winning streak including the sweep of this tournament.

The team has only three players, but they don't need any substitutes. It features McCulloch, the slam dunk monster who played at Castlemont and went to Fresno State.

"Hook" Mitchell, another high-jumping dunk man from Berkeley, has been a staple of the 3-on-3 scene for years and is usually on a winning team.

Edward "Topper" Allen played at Pepperdine University and got his nickname shooting from the top of the key.

All three players have been in basketball for years, but this was their first summer season together as a team and they were happy to do it on a home court.

Mosswood

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Whitmore, probably the most consistent player in tournament history, made jump shots and spin moves for his team's finesse points. Rico Bailey, the big man for Top Gun, did his best Charles Barkley impression at the post position, while O.C. Christopher and Tom Johnson worked at keeping the ball in the hands of the Top Gun players.

Top Gun jumped out to an 8-3 lead, but Oakland's Finest's Ken Jackson brought a pair of long two-pointers cutting the lead to 8-7. Bailey and Christopher scored the next five points for Top Gun before a Sam Moses shot made it 13-8. Whitmore finished off the game with two spin moves to the basket for the 15-8 victory, sending the tournament into another "finals" game.

The two teams had only five minutes to rest and it was back on the court for the championship game. This was a loser's bracket game, so the first team to 15 would win.

Jackson sank a two-pointer for the first points of the final game and Bruce Boulingly hit a free throw for a 3-0 Oakland's Finest lead.

Whitmore countered with a hoop while being fouled and he hit the free throw at 3-2. But Jackson hit

another two-pointer and Skyline High graduate Rick Price followed by hitting the long ball and knocking down a turn-around jumper for three more points and an 8-2 Oakland lead.

Top Gun called a timeout and came back hot. Bailey sank a free throw then banged in three baskets from the post position and Christopher hit two jump shots, cutting the lead 9-8.

Bailey missed an inside shot while being fouled and Whitmore got in his face yelling "Come on," as a sign of both frustration and inspiration. Bailey missed the free throw, but went inside again and tied the game.

Whitmore went on a rampage, hitting the next four points on two jumpers and two free throws for a 13-9 Top Gun lead. His team was just two points from winning their fourth Mosswood Tournament in a row.

Oakland's Finest would not give in. After a timeout Price hit a shot and sank a long two. Jackson hit two free throws and Bailey was called for a foul on Moses, who hit the final basket for the comeback win.

"We just blocked out that last game," said Boulingly, who went to San Francisco State after high

school in Louisiana. "It was a ball game."

Jackson, another New Orleans native who came to play at State Hayward, said he was bringing the Mosswood title to Oakland. "This is our first time together," he said of the team. "We were tired of the same team winning it. It feels good doing it home."

Price, a 1988 Skyline player who played at Whittier College, captain of Oakland's Finest, wanted an Oakland team to win the Oakland champion title. Mosswood is the class of the name.

"Oakland is a basketball town. We want to keep it in Oakland," said Price. "No more outsiders. We're all from the same neighborhood. We play at Mosswood every other weekend. We want our players to come down."

Moses, another Cal Hayward player, played Castlemont in high school. In the last timeout was enough time for the team to adjust and counter for the win. "We called a timeout and changed our plan," he said. "We started inside to our guard Jack Boulingly her pumps you up and you going."

Albany

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With with game tied in the last of the sixth, Albany's bats came alive.

But for the second straight game it was the seventh inning which spelled disaster for Albany. Alameda, which was guessing at Hoffman through early stages of the game, shelled the Albany hurler for five hits and five runs in the inning.

The big blow, a two-out, two-run single off the bat of Dan Mills, gave Alameda a 7-5 lead that they would never relinquish.

Despite the loss, Albany had four players with multiple hits. Jerry Nunez led the way, going 3 for 4 with two RBIs. Kerry Reeves, Kamau Edwards, and second baseman Danny Carson added two hits each.

After getting swept in with the doubleheader, Albany's overall record drops to 17-12, 7-7 in league.

Albany will try to redeem itself Sunday, playing another doubleheader at noon at Memorial Park.

Football

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quarterback Alli Abrew. Meanwhile NCS divisional champion Las Lomas will field four players on the CC County team, which is coached by Las Lomas' Jim Fuller.

JFK-Richmond quarterback Kenny Drisker, one of the leading passers in the area, is a key player for the Alameda squad, which is coached by Neal Fromson of James Logan. Oakland Tech's star runner De Marco Doakes and Oakland Athletic League standout Ayyub-Adul Rahman of Skyline are two other players of note for Alameda.

All-Star Football Classic tickets are being sold at Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods, 911 San Pablo Avenue, Albany.

Tickets are \$7 if bought before Sunday's game. Otherwise, the tickets will cost \$10.

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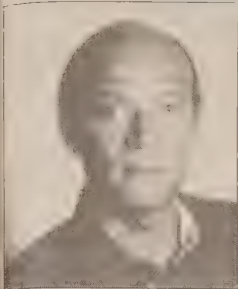
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Realtor Profile



Name: Desmond Fergus

Title: Broker Associate, Winters Real Estate, Park Boulevard, Oakland.

Background: Fergus was raised in Trinidad and came to the United States in 1955. Earned his undergraduate degree in romance languages. After studying for a year at the Sorbonne in Paris, he returned to New York and, in 1970, received his master's degree from the City University of New York. Taught French, English and Span-

ish at junior high schools in New York City. In 1970, Fergus moved to Berkeley and taught high school French before starting his career in real estate.

Career: Fergus' first association with the real estate industry was in 1970 with Nakamura Realty. After an absence from the real estate world in the '80s during which Fergus pursued other business and educational interests, he joined Century 21 Hosking & Associates in Walnut Creek in 1990. In 1992, he started working for Winters Real Estate and opened his own office shortly thereafter.

Quotable quote: "I started selling single family homes in 1990 and have learned a great deal in this challenging market. Through hard work I have accomplished many of my goals and objectives for 1992. I look forward with optimism and enthusiasm to what the new year brings. One thing remains clear to me, be it selling a home or writing a book: You must believe in yourself and be committed to accomplishing the desired end, but most importantly you must be persistent."

Women need to invest for future

First consider interest rates, financial risks

By Ellen Thomas

The late actress Sophie Tucker once summed up what she thought a woman needs in life: "From birth to age 18, a girl needs good parents. From 18 to 35, she needs good looks. From 35 to 55, she needs a good personality. From 55 on, she needs good cash."

One might debate some of Tucker's points. But few would argue that as she nears retirement, a woman will need "good cash."

Whether a woman is a single parent, career woman or homemaker, statistically, there's a good chance she'll have to come up with money herself.

Consider the facts. One of every two marriages ends in divorce, and among marriages that endure, there's a 70 percent chance the husband will die first, leaving a widow whose average age is 55. With a median life expectancy of 78, the average widow will be on her own financially for 23 years.

If a woman doesn't take charge of her finances, learn how to man-

age money and develop a sound financial plan, she could face the prospect of growing old in poverty.

In developing financial goals, a woman should consider working with a trained investment specialist. Together they can map out a strategy that will lay the groundwork needed to provide her with long-term financial security.

the years than a regular savings account or CD, which typically pays an interest rate of 2 to 3 percent.

Apart from that, one also needs to take into consideration the inflation rate — is it 2 or 10 percent? If the return on investments doesn't outpace it, you're losing money!

To understand the importance of choosing investments wisely,

want to have some of these along with "safer" investments earning less.

The amount of risk a woman chooses to take depends on her risk tolerance, taking into account factors such as her age and life situation. If she's in her 20s, she will probably want a greater number of moderate- to high-risk investments than she would if she were in her 50s, nearing retirement.

Studies show that women are eager to learn about money management, enjoying thinking and talking about investing, and are more likely than men to seek professional advice.

This is good news, because women who are savvy about money are women who will be able to look forward to a financially secure life.

'If a woman doesn't take charge of her finances ... she could face the prospect of growing old in poverty.'

To achieve financial security, one must get into the "saving" or "investing" habit, that is, setting aside something every month no matter how small.

The sooner a woman starts, the more she can benefit from disciplined savings and compounding interest, which over time, can turn a small amount of funds into a sizable sum.

Of course, a woman's choice of investments will determine how much money she amasses. Investments that earn 8 percent or more annually could potentially produce a far larger nest egg over

consider this.

An investment of \$10,000 earning an annual interest of 8 percent compounded annually with dividends and capital gains automatically reinvested will more than double in value in 10 years, yielding \$21,589. In 20 years, it will increase to \$46,610, in 30 years it will be \$100,627, and in 40 years, it will have grown to an incredible \$217,245.

However, a \$10,000 investment that earns 3 percent will only yield \$13,439 in 10 years, \$18,061 in 20 years, \$24,273 in 30 years, and \$32,620 in 40 years. (No adjustments in these varying amounts have been made for income taxes.)

To help achieve future financial success, a woman will need to develop a diversified portfolio of investments. Those paying higher yields, say 8 to 10 percent, are usually riskier, so a woman may

Ellen Thomas is assistant vice president and manager of Wells Fargo Bank, Montclair Village Branch. For information about a free financial seminar for women presented by Wells Fargo Bank on Sat., July 17, at the Silverado Country Club in Napa Valley, call (800) 458-2583.

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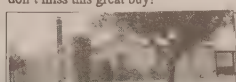
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Customers rate businesses on scale of 1 to 10

By Betsy Cardis
Special to Hills Newspapers

Consumers are often forced to make decisions about which company or service to use based solely on the company's advertising or name recognition.

Now, there is a new consumer watchdog designed to give consumers something more concrete to consider.

Consumer Valuestar is an independent organization that has compiled a set of industry standards for each of 88 services and professions. In conjunction with the Public Research Institute (PRI) of San Francisco State University, they survey random samples of each company's customers, and ask them to rate their satisfaction on a scale of one to 10. Customers are also asked if they would use the company again.

Service providers with the highest level of customer satisfaction are given the privilege of using the Consumer Valuestar logo in their advertising and correspondence for the duration of one year. This logo is a symbol of very high customer satisfaction, and is an indicator of which companies have provided excellent customer service in the past.

According to Jim Stein, managing director of Consumer Valuestar, "Thousands of consumers have already used this research by

looking for the Consumer Valuestar symbol or by asking if businesses have earned it. More people are relying on it every day. Consumer Valuestar helps eliminate a lot of the unknowns."

So far, 222 companies have been or are being rated by PRI, and 100 local businesses have earned the blue and gold Consumer Valuestar symbol.

Consumer Valuestar expects to rate 1,000 companies throughout the Bay Area within the next year, and estimates that 8,000 companies will be rated through 1997. More than 15,000 consumers have



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participated in the rating process with PRI, and says PRI director Professor Richard DeLeon, "Ultimately, upward of 100,000 local individuals will be interviewed in this series of surveys."

The industries selected for rating by Consumer Valuestar range from alarm companies and auto body shops to tree service and weight control centers.

Homeowners in particular can check the customer satisfaction of carpet cleaners, general contractors, glass companies, home inspection services, movers, painters, pest control companies,

plumbers, and roofing contractors, not to mention medical professionals such as chiropractors and dentists, and services like limousines and photographers.

Companies which have been rated by Consumer Valuestar and PRI have had a positive response to the idea. Chris Becker, of Westec Security, Inc., says, "The concept is well-designed and well-organized. Consumers today really need to know the people who are putting quality on the market. This gives the public an idea of the organizations which reach an above average level in their industry."

Building Permits

Property owners at the following burn area sites have applied for administrative building bulk reviews, zoning permits and variances.

The public may review and comment on these plans at the Community Restoration Development Center, 5354 Claremont Ave. Call 238-6000 for additional information.

Now under consideration are:

• 7082 Broadway Terr.: Administrative review for building bulk to construct a single family dwelling consisting of 3,600 total sq. ft.

• 6054 Fairlane Dr.: Administrative review for building bulk to construct a single family dwelling consisting of 5,198 total sq. ft. and a minor variance to construct a single family dwelling with a side yard setback of 1 foot (12 feet required) and a height of 19 feet above the front lot line (18 feet allowed).

• 60 Gravatt Dr.: Administrative review for building bulk to construct a single family dwelling consisting of 4,335 total sq. ft.; a

minor variance with a 1 foot yard setback (5 feet required) a maximum height of 43 feet (40 feet required); minor conditional use permit include a second kitchen.

Decisions on these requests be made by CRDC staff after Aug. 3.

• 814 Alvarado Rd.: conditional use permit to a retaining wall and fence high (6 feet allowed) in yard.

• 170 Roble Rd.: Administrative review for building bulk to construct a single family dwelling consisting of 5266 total sq. ft.

• 32 Gravatt Dr.: Administrative review for building bulk to construct a single family dwelling consisting of 3,776 total sq. ft.

• 11 Chancellor Pl.: conditional use permit to a second kitchen as a room for the family.

Decisions on these requests be made by CRDC staff after July 10.

Free booklet on recycling

Bay City News

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the East Bay Conservation Corps has produced a free guide to recycling.

The Alameda County Recycling Guide is a 16-page booklet that offers tips on how to get started in recycling at home and at work and includes a directory of recycling facilities and vendors in Alameda County.

The guide provides practical information on where to take recyclable materials, where to buy recycled products and how to properly dispose of hard-to-recycle materials like plastics and used motor oil.

To get a free copy, call the East Bay Conservation Corps at (510) 891-3934 or the Alameda County Waste Management Authority at (510) 639-2481.

24-hotline for recyclers

Bay City News

The State Department of Conservation says Californians who want to talk trash just need to call 1-800-RECYCLE.

The state agency is kicking off a statewide "Let's Talk Trash" advertising campaign for its new 24-hour hotline, which has already received 25,000 calls.

The hotline gives information on where to recycle beverage con-

tainers, how much money is made recycling or how to start a recycling program at work.

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Distance creates difficulty Seller in London can't know nuances of market

Number 19 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Robert lives in London. Three years ago he left his home in Berkeley for an adventure in Europe. He planned to return, but things have changed, and it looks like he'll be staying.

It doesn't make sense any more to deal with tenants from so far away. Robert wants to sell.

We are Robert's agents. We have never met. Everything we have said to one another has been through carefully timed, long-distance phone calls, faxes and letters.

We have missed knowing the nuances, the melody, that would be ours if we were working together in person. It's harder to get to know someone when you can't look in each other's eyes.

Usually when a person wants to sell his house, he calls several real estate agents and asks them over.

The seller gets to meet the agents, show them around, and hear what he might do to make the house look better — perhaps get the names of roofers, termite people, or other tradespeople, and of course to know what the agents think the house will bring in sale price.

Robert cannot meet agents in person. He cannot show them his house so he cannot watch how they react to the bay view, the pretty kitchen, or the floors that need refinishing.

He was last in the house several years ago. He remembers that it looked good then, and he has been paying a management company to maintain it since.

In many ways, Robert is flying blind. He can't see for himself the walls that could use paint or how much better the windows would look with new screens on them. Not that he doesn't believe us, but

he can't see it with his own eyes.

He has to depend on us to tell him what the house looks like, and hope that we are talking on the same wavelength. Together we try to figure out which things should be done that will make a difference in the sale.



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'Having a seller so far away has made us aware of blessings that in other sales we have taken for granted ... such as watering the lawn, meeting the termite man, cleaning the basement.'

Robert has to depend on us for broader information as well. He hasn't been in Berkeley for years. He doesn't read the local newspapers, can't see how many For Sale signs are around the area, hasn't talked to friends who are selling or buying here.

Naturally he would like to get the most money he can for his house. The comparable sales give us some indications of value, but they tell us only what has already happened — not what will occur in the future.

Pricing a property is never simple. It is harder, we have just found, when the seller is 6,000 miles away.

Imagine trying to figure a value on a house somewhere in the Midwest. You talk to an agent who is familiar with the area.

What has sold there lately, you ask. How long did the sales take? Are there other houses that are similar? How many are for sale now?

You know the house isn't exactly like any other house. It's bigger or newer or in a more expensive area of town. Are there a lot of buyers who will find this house attractive, or not?

We've sent fat packets to Robert full of disclosures and contracts and information on other houses that have sold or are on the market. We have reported what the termite inspector, management company, hardwood floor man, and cleaning people have said.

We have been the bearers of disappointing news. The floor man can't do the work this week. The termite work will cost more than we thought. The basement key doesn't work. We're sorry.

Having a seller so far away has made us aware of blessings that in other sales we have taken for granted: Sellers who are there to meet the termite man, who water the lawn, clean out the basement, put fresh flowers in the dining room.

Because they are here, we can show them a simple trellis they might want to copy in their own garden. They can look at other houses for sale in their neighborhood for comparison.

Even better, we have the opportunity to make a direct connection, a friendship with our sellers. To talk about our mutual interests outside of real estate. Because who we are, how we see things, and what we do with our information has everything to do with how we represent our clients.

(Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpo are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpo & Talbert Ltd., at (510) 653-2050.)

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Author's advice on replanting takes many issues into account

Arborist says views, privacy major factors

Anyone who has ever owned a home, either in the hills or on flat land, will understand the emotional investment property owners put into their trees — especially when it comes to views and privacy.

A view can increase a property's value by as much as \$100,000. When that view comes at the expense of a neighbor's privacy, the result can be lawsuits where no one really wins.

To address this and other issues as owners rebuild in the Oakland and Berkeley hills, certified arborist Richard Trout has written *Trees, Views & Privacy: An Arborist's Guide to Replanting in the Fire Zone*.

The book offers words of advice and caution to homeowners, landscapers, and landscape architects who are grappling with the challenge of rebuilding a neighborhood from ashes.

Trees, Views & Privacy focuses on choosing and siting trees to ensure privacy and views, while allowing for a fire-resistant and drought-resistant landscape.

"If people don't choose their trees carefully now, they'll be at each other's throats for years to come," says Trout, who encourages long-term thinking in order to avoid future conflicts as trees mature.

issues of fire-resistance and drought-resistance, it details many other concerns to people rebuilding in the fire zone — and elsewhere — such as solar access, views, privacy, neighbors, vacant lots, and short- and long-term concerns.

"When I talk to people in the fire zone, it is apparent that they do not know what questions to ask about trees, nor where to get good advice," says Trout.

'If people don't choose their trees carefully, they'll be at each other's throats for years to come.'

—RICHARD TROUT
AUTHOR

"I have scoured the market to see what other garden design books have to say about views, for example, and find that most publications do not cover the subject at all."

A series of simple illustrations accompanies the text, which includes a checklist of factors tree buyers should consider, lists of recommended trees and those to avoid, where in Berkeley to see certain specimens, comments on the Oakland and Berkeley View Ordinances, and a list of further reading.

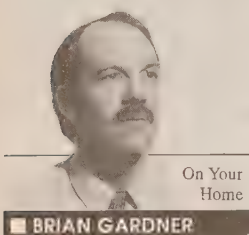


While this book is written for victims of the fire, much of the information is applicable to homeowners in other areas, especially those in hilly neighborhoods.

Richard Trout, a certified arborist, has had a tree care business in the East Bay for the past 15 years. Prior to that, he was a landscape gardener. He co-authored the Berkeley View and Solar Access Ordinance, has advised the Berkeley Street Tree Subcommittee, and is currently a member of the Berkeley Solar Access and View Committee.

Trees, Views & Privacy is available in local bookstores and nurseries, including The Book Tree at 6123 La Salle in Montclair, the Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, 1310 McGee, and the Builders' Booksource, at 1817 4th St., Berkeley. It costs \$8.95 plus tax.

Free booklet has energy-saving tips



On Your Home

BRIAN GARDNER

Heat waves have a way of getting one's attention, especially on the way home after work in heavy commuter traffic. It's no wonder that homeowners get serious about keeping the house cool and the super-heated air outside, where it belongs, during the summer months.

If you're tired of hearing the same old solutions to the high temperatures and how to keep you and your castle cool, read on.

The U.S. Department of Energy has a free 28-page booklet entitled "Tips for Energy Savers," filled with simple but effective ways to save energy in the home. There's energy-saving information on insulation, lighting, appliances — even ideas for yard tools and the car.

The first two sections deal with basic ways to keep the home properly insulated. While keeping the frosty air out won't be a concern for many months, the tips in this section can be put to use during the heat of summer.

Testing for air leaks can easily be accomplished by running your hand around doors and windows. You can also make a "draft de-

tor." Simply clip a piece of tissue paper or light plastic to a coat hanger. Hold the coat hanger in front of any suspected crack or leak. Any movement of the paper will indicate air flow. Caulk and/or weatherstrip the opening.

Information is provided on how easy it is to caulk and weatherstrip these areas. Tips on additional places to check for leaks are also listed. Don't forget to adjust the fireplace damper. Remember, it's a big opening.

When you consider the opening lines of the booklet that state: "Americans pay almost \$100 billion in home energy bills for heating, cooling, refrigeration, cooking and other conveniences," a free

publication with valuable tips might be just the solution for summer's heat and next winter's chill.

To obtain the booklet, write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Washington D.C. 20585.

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State uses slightly more gas than last year

Bay City News

The state Board of Equalization reports gasoline usage increased slightly in California during April when compared to the same month one year ago, and also showed a slight increase over March figures.

According to Brad Sherman, chairman of the board, state gasoline distributions for the month of

April totaled approximately 1.12 billion gallons, compared to 1.1 billion gallons in April 1992, a .95 percent increase. April 1993 figures also represented a .51 percent increase over March 1993 figures.

The board administers the Motor Vehicle Fuel License Tax which yields approximately \$2 billion annually for state and local road construction and maintenance.

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Mayors discuss homelessless

Jordan says federal government needs to help out

Bay City News

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan met this week in San Francisco with mayors from across the United States at a conference on how to reduce homelessness.

Jordan spoke to a group of about 80 homeless advocates and social workers at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Task Force on Hunger and Homelessness held at the St. Mary Cathedral Conference Center.

Outside the center, a group of about 50 homeless and senior citizens picketed and chanted, "Time

'The answers are there ... we just need to find them.'

—JIM SCHEIBEL
TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN

for a change and we are the people to do it."

Jordan said, "Homelessness is a top priority for the city," adding that San Francisco is "on overload."

"San Francisco will go bankrupt if we attempt to solve the homeless problem on a local level. We need the help of the federal government," Jordan said.

He said \$55 million each year is spent on social services and \$45 million is spent on homeless programs in the city. Jordan said the city needs to find ways to make the money stretch even further.

St. Paul, Minnesota Mayor Jim Scheibel, the homelessness task force chairman, said that homelessness does not have to exist.

"We are not talking about numbers or statistics today, we are talking about real people," he said. "Participants should be prepared to roll up their sleeves and do some real work today. There are no magic solutions. The answers are there — we just need to find them."

Scheibel also emphasized the need for a partnership and plan of action between federal and city officials.

Marsha Martin, executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on the Homeless, said she is looking forward to hearing about solutions and ideas from city officials, who have the most exposure to the plight of the homeless.

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- 3551 De Passier Way - \$277,000
- 4 Eclipse Ct. - \$287,000
- 3005 Fernside Blvd. - \$225,000
- 862 Oak St. - \$221,000
- 38 Ross Rd. - \$316,000
- 51 Ross Rd. - \$296,000
- 2269 San Jose Ave. - \$191,000
- 1420 Union St. #C - \$210,000
- 1552 Verdi St. - \$300,000
- 1415 Versailles Ave. - \$270,000
- 2753 Young St. - \$289,000

ALBANY

- 524 Cornell Ave. - \$203,000

BERKELEY

- 1526 Comstock Ct. - \$235,500
- 2919 Deakin St. - \$271,500
- 1324 Derby St. - \$212,000
- 2509 Derby St. - \$300,000
- 2823 Forest Ave. - \$510,000
- 2311 Jefferson Ave. #B - \$137,500
- 2140 Rose St. - \$260,000
- 2638 Russell St. #1 - \$99,000
- 765 San Luis Rd. - \$575,000
- 1815 Short St. - \$82,500
- 2436 Spaulding Ave. - \$140,000
- 570 Vistamont Ave. - \$399,000

EL CERRITO

- 852 Balra Dr. - \$220,000
- 38 Wildwood Place - \$182,000

EL SOBRANTE

- 127 Creekside Ct. - \$135,000
- 5545 Deer Run Dr. - \$240,000
- 635 Donna Mae Ct. - \$158,500
- 19 Quail Hill Ln. - \$90,000

EMERYVILLE

- 2 Admiral Dr. #271 - \$137,500

OAKLAND

- 870 Aileen St. - \$125,000
- 5609 Amy Dr. - \$350,000
- 7101 Arthur St. - \$138,500
- 6579 Ascot Dr. - \$376,000
- 1424 Auseon Ave. - \$90,000
- 985 Bayview Ave. - \$250,000
- 623 Bergedo Dr. - \$95,000
- 5335 Broadway #302 - \$185,000
- 4727 Brookdale Ave. - \$150,000
- 3303 Burdeck Dr. - \$75,000
- 916 Center St. - \$145,000
- 326 Covington St. - \$205,000
- 4109 Culver St. - \$160,000
- 4751 Fair Ave. - \$167,000
- 3196 Frye St. - \$300,000
- 17 Graeagle St. - \$225,000
- 2412 Highland Ave. - \$85,000
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- 4121 Lincoln Ave. - \$269,000
- 3920 Lyman Rd. - \$225,000
- 3147 Maple Ave. - \$140,000
- 2921 McKillop Rd. - \$218,000
- 4323 Montgomery St. - \$245,000
- 7574 Mountain Blvd. #7 - \$136,000
- 18 North Circle - \$275,000
- 4115 Norton Ave. - \$289,000
- 1021 Norwood Ave. - \$263,000
- 424 Orange St. #204 - \$94,000
- 4888 Shetland Ave. - \$235,000
- 7800 Surrey Ln. - \$271,000
- 3317 Suter St. - \$110,000
- 8733 Thermal St. - \$139,000
- 6040 Valley View Rd. - \$264,000
- 288 Whitmore St. #329 - \$93,000

PIEDMONT

- 502 Blvd. Way - \$385,000
- 316 Saint James Dr. - \$1,191,500

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$180,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$475,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,076

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST PRICE: \$203,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$203,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$203,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$82,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$268,500

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$182,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$220,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$201,000

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$155,875

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST PRICE: \$137,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$137,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$137,500

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 38
LOWEST PRICE: \$75,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$400,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$207,092

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$385,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,191,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$788,250

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Keeping architect on board helps sidestep some pitfalls

By Deborah Lane

A developer I know recently hired an architect to design and draw up construction documents for a house she intended to build. She decided to save on architectural fees by putting the project out to bid herself and working with the contractor during construction.

Even though the contractor she picked had done good work in the past and had a list of satisfied customers, this particular project became a nightmare for the developer during construction.

She had to reduce all other commitments so that she had enough time on a daily basis to deal with the problems at the job site.

In addition, the project came in nine months late, causing her to miss the spring market and sending her loan fees up significantly.

Such a nightmarish experience is not at all uncommon.

If you are thinking of working with an architect only through the completion of working drawings, you might consider what an architect typically does during bidding and building to better assess whether you want to shoulder these responsibilities.

Finding right contractor

- An architect has the experi-



'...there is no perfect set of working drawings; plans need to be interpreted and field issues do arise.'

ence to help you choose the best contractors for your particular job; to act as your agent during construction; and to keep the project on track as issues arise.

• By asking the right questions of both potential contractors and their past clients, and by looking at a contractor's work, an architect can help you pinpoint both the

strengths and weaknesses of the contractors you are considering.

• An architect who has worked with many contractors on many jobs can help you avoid unpleasant surprises that push your project off track.

• During bidding, an architect can also help you evaluate contractors' bids in a competitive situation or help you negotiate with one contractor in a negotiated bid.

• By allowing your architect to respond to all bidding questions in a consistent, thorough and knowledgeable manner, you can be sure that you are comparing apples to apples and that the bids reflect the standards you have in mind.

• Your architect can also help you fairly evaluate and negotiate your contract because he or she will know what is reasonable to expect from the contractor in terms of bid price, construction time, and alternate building materials.

Working with contractor

During construction, there is no perfect set of working drawings; plans need to be interpreted, and field issues do arise.

A set of working drawings differs from a set of instructions for an item like a model airplane where all the snags have already been worked out by trial and error.

An architectural set of working drawings lays out a unique plan for a unique situation.

Even with a good set of construction documents, it is certain that questions will arise concerning details, possible alternatives and perceived or real changes in the scope and price of the work.

Keeping your architect on board can save you money by having solutions to small problems in the

field noticed and worked out before they mushroom into large problems.

Communication between your architect and contractor can help your contractor understand design decisions and goals and if problems arise, give him the right person to discuss alternatives with.

You may also choose to have the architect check the contractor's request for payment and process other recommended project records.

An architect can help effectively resolve any disputes between you and the contractor concerning the quality of the work or the price of a change order. Your architect can be more objective than you or the contractor because he or she has nothing to gain from any decision that is reached.

During construction, the con-

tractor is the expert on the materials and methods of building; the architect is intimately familiar with your design objectives and is also knowledgeable about construction. A well-built project relies on the marriage of both of these vantage points.

If you are planning to work with an architect to develop your ideas

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(Deborah Lane is a freelance architect.)

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On Your Home

By Andy Hansen

The winter's rainfall has helped end the drought, but it has also given a boost to the organisms that not only eat away at your home equity, but also affect the lifespan of many components of your dwelling.

That, in turn, can affect the safety of you and your family in the event of an earthquake as powerful as the Loma Prieta quake of 1989 or this week's destructive

tremor in Japan.

The increased moisture content of the wood used in decks, windows, rafters and other exposed portions of your home, along with the moderate temperature range of the Bay Area, make this the perfect environment for decay fungus as well as the Western Subterranean Termite and the Western Dampwood Termite.

Many of the homes that were damaged in the 1989 quake were found to have been subject to decay fungus and termites. Some

homes and apartment buildings that shifted or jumped from their foundations were constructed of a wood frame covered by stucco.

These were the homes that appeared to be fine prior to the

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quake, but afterward many sections were discovered to be stucco shells covering the damaged remnants of the wood framing.

When these homes were hit with earthquake force not only acting from side to side but also with a severe up and down motion, the reduced strength of the wood caused a failure that resulted in severe and costly damage.

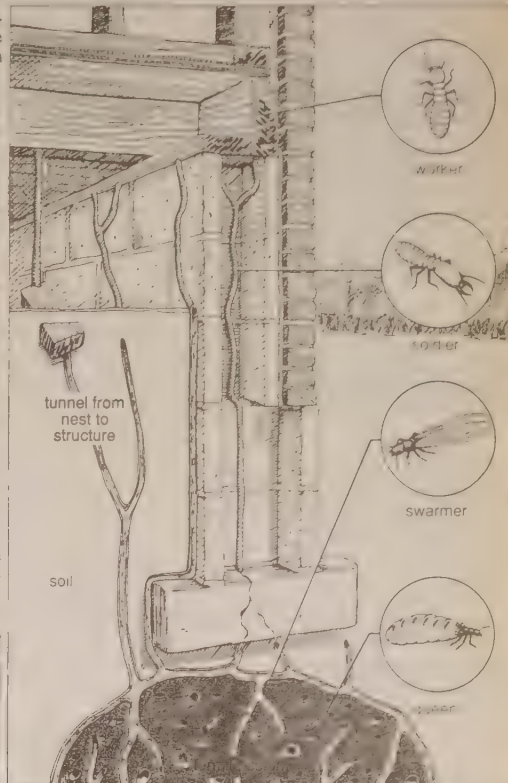
This is not to say that wood-destroying organisms were the cause of all the damage, but in many cases, it was found to be a deciding factor.

Many of the homes damaged in this way during the Loma Prieta quake either had not been inspected for wood-destroying organisms, commonly known as a "termite inspection," or recommended repairs had not been done.

Most experts agree that two- to three-year intervals between inspections is best for most homes in the Bay Area. With shorter periods between inspections, most infections or infestations can be corrected very easily and cheaply by a pest control operator or by your own contractor.

Most pest control companies offer a service agreement that, for an annual fee, guarantees your home against infestation by termites. Pest control operators working in a given area are familiar with the type of construction common to that area as well as the types of problems that are typically encountered.

If your contractor is doing the



repairs, a call to the pest control company may save time and money. Many companies will consult with your contractor on the job site for a nominal fee.

All in all, we should be grateful for the abundance of rain and the gentle temperatures. But we should still be vigilant in protecting our home and our loved ones.

(Oakland resident Andy Hansen is President of E.A. Hansen, Inc. Structural Pest Control. He serves as second vice president of the "Pest Control Operators of California," a statewide trade organization. Hansen is one of only three inspectors in California to earn the Master Inspector designation.)

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The Oakland Association of Realtors presents a seminar on Credit Reporting and Credit 'Red Flags,' Fri., July 23, 9-11 a.m., 1528 Webster St. The seminar aims to help Realtors understand credit policies, problems and remedies. Confidentiality and liability for false credit reports will be discussed. Free to OAR and Realtor members, \$10 for non-members. Call (510) 836-3000.

A series on Finance, Investment and Real Estate will be presented Sat., July 24, 31, and Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-noon at 4311 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, sponsored by International F. & A.M. Masons, St. Mark Lodge #34. Cost is \$5. Call (510) 436-7142.

On Sun., July 25, landscape architects Mai Arbogast, Garrett Eckbo and Tópher Delaney lead a bus tour of private Berkeley gardens to benefit the Pacific Film Archive and University Art Museum. The event is in conjunction with a display of drawings from the Gertrude Jekyll archives. Tickets are \$100 including lunch. Call (510) 642-1636.

Truitt and White Lumber Company offers a class in "Solid Surface Countertops and Sink Options," Sat., Aug. 7, 10-11 a.m., 642 Hearst, Berkeley. Call (415) 841-0511.

On Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, learn to "Brighten the Shady Gar-

den," at Magic Gardens, 729 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Explore different plants that thrive in shaded areas. Fee is \$10. Call (510) 644-1992.

Truitt and White Lumber Company offers a class in "Kitchen and Bath Faucets for the Homeowner," Sat., Sept. 11, 10-11 a.m., 642 Hearst, Berkeley. Call (415) 841-0511.

For inclusion in the listing, please send information to the Real Estate Section, Hills Publications, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619, call 339-4066, FAX 339-4066.

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

6610 Liggett The GRUBB Co., Daran Ross 339-0400	Montclair 4bd/3+ba	\$765,000
5955 Grizzly Peak Pacific Union, Don Coelho 339-6460	Montclair 4bd/3ba	\$725,000
7000 Pinehaven The GRUBB Co., Marcia Nebel 339-0400	Montclair 4bd/4+ba	\$719,000
5800 Westover Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197	New Constr. Sunny 3bd/3+ba	\$599,000
3 Contra Costa Pl. Better Homes, Harry Kress 531-2140	Upper Rockridge 4bd/2+ba	\$594,000
5909 Margarito Dr. J. T. Ward Realtors 845-6021	Rockridge 5/4 InLaw Potent.	\$579,000
539 Florence Better Homes, Judy Maher 531-6121	Rockridge 3/3 Quality, Style	\$549,000
1730 Manzanita Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 531-7134	Montclair 4/3 Level Yard	\$539,000
6001 Westover Red Oak Realty, Sara 527-3387 X-105	Montclair 4+bd/3ba Tudor	\$519,000
7063 Skyline Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Elaine R. 869-4260	Montclair 4bd/3ba View!!	\$510,000
6955 Snake Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8843	Montclair Custom 3bd/3+ba Office	\$509,000
5353 Golden Gate Coldwell Banker, Jon Quint 339-1174	Rockridge New 3bd/2+ba	\$498,000
6553 Heather Ridge The GRUBB Co., John Karnay 339-0400	Montclair New Constr. 4/2+1/2	\$498,000
2 Moyer Place Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460	Montclair 4bd/3ba	\$479,000
6366 Heather Ridge Wells & Bennett, Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780	Quality!! 3+bd/3+ba	\$475,000
35 Marr Ave. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460	Montclair 4bd/3ba	\$469,000
124 Hermosa Ave. Pacific Union, Bill Weissberg 339-6460	Upper Rockridge 3bd/3ba	\$467,000
116 Alta Ave. Coldwell Banker, Linda VanDrent 339-1174	Views, Deck 3bd/3ba	\$449,000
6611 Liggett Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461	Montclair 4bd/3ba View!!	\$449,000
2833 Morley Fox & Carskadon, Ruby Serge 339-8666	Piedmont Pines 4bd/3ba	\$449,000
39 Bowles Place Mason-McDuffie, Tom Canterbury 447-0474	Elegant 3 bedroom	\$439,000
6213 Snake Road Wells & Bennett, Dorothy Carey 339-0484	3 yr. old Custom 3bd/3b +Rumpus	\$439,000
6208 Harwood Ave. Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460	Rockridge 5bd/3ba	\$439,000
5829 Westover Better Homes, Lois Caskey Johnson 530-5650	First Open!! 3+bd/3ba	\$429,500
1545 Trestle Glen Christina Kekoa 444-6622	Oakland 3+bd/2ba	\$409,000
5940 Miles The GRUBB Co., John Karnay 339-0400	Rockridge Stunning 2+1/2	\$399,000
2000 Arrowhead Dr. Pacific Union, Pat Carlton 339-6460	Montclair 5bd/3ba	\$395,000
662 Mandana Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174	Crocker Lots of Charm	\$389,000
6746 Gunn Drive Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	Montclair 4bd/2+ba	\$385,000
2511 7th Ave. Art Realty 465-4805, Ken Leong 522-6511	1/2block to Park 5plex; 2bd ea. unit	\$385,000
118 Treasure Hill Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174	Hillier Highlands 3bd/3ba Twinhse	\$379,000
6024 Broadway Wells & Bennett, Alice Erickson 655-7942	English Style Lovely 3/2, Patio	\$375,000
6409 Westover Better Homes, Dell M. Orr 339-8400 X-241	Montclair Remod. 4bd/2ba Trad.	\$369,000
4300 La Cresta Pacific Union, Howard Rodkin 339-6460	Glenview 4bd/2ba	\$359,950
8135 Skyline Fox & Carskadon, Jini Kelley 339-8666	Montclair 4+bd/2+ba	\$358,000
3100 Robinson Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Landes 869-4225	Joaquin Miller 3bd/1+1/2 Reduced!!	\$350,000
1 Binnacle Fox & Carskadon, Ollie Hammerel 339-8666	Hillier Highlands 2bd/2ba	\$349,000
5135 Harbord Dr. The GRUBB Co., James Duffy 339-0400	Classic!! Cape Cod	\$339,500
1562 Trestle Glen The GRUBB Co., Susan Velt 339-0400	Storybook Tudor 3bd/1+ba	\$339,000
2949 Holyrood Dr. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460	Piedmont Pines 4bd/3ba	\$339,000
6327 Ascot Dr. Pacific Union, Pt Carlton 339-6460	Piedmont Pines 3+bd/2+ba	\$329,950
6333 Broadway Ter. Better Homes, Sue Snow 531-3430	Rockridge 3/2+1/2 2600 sq.ft.	\$329,500
287 Sequoyah View Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174	Oakland Hills Huge 5bd/3ba	\$329,000
110 Calvert Court Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460	Montclair 3bd/2ba	\$329,000
48 Kingwood Road Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174	Crestmont 3bd/2+ba	\$325,000
4256 Gilbert Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8666	Piedmont Ave. 4bd Upgrades!	\$325,000
2995 Burdeck Better Homes, Helen Buty 658-6499	Joaquin Miller Large Fam. Home	\$320,000
13260 Clairpointe Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460	Parkridge Est. 4bd/2ba	\$319,500
1060 Leo Way The GRUBB Co., Nancy Rothman 339-0400	Montclair Tudor Charming 3bd/2ba	\$319,000
6804 Saroni Fox & Carskadon, Hal Castle 339-8666	Montclair 4bd/2ba	\$319,000
4060 Harding Way Rose Black Real Estate 428-1606	Oakmore 3bd/2ba Elegant	\$319,000
6416 Heather Ridge Wells & Bennett, Sandi Klemmer 654-4804	Lease Option Cozy 3bd Pvt. Lot	\$318,000
6459 Melville Drive Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460	Piedmont Pines 4bd/2ba	\$315,000
755 Mandana Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780	Renovated Trad. Crocker 3bd/1+1/2	\$315,000
6690 Pineneedle Better Homes, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401	Montclair 3bd/3ba w/Loft	\$309,000
251 Monte Vista Mason-McDuffie, Linda Sapp 834-2010	Piedmont Ave. 4bd/2ba	\$309,000
1044 Clarendon Cres. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174	Crocker 3bd/2+ba Trad.	\$306,000
3567 Redwood Rd. Wells & Bennett, Diane McCan 531-7000	Charming Tudor 3bd +Den, Garden	\$299,000
4175 Eastlake Ave. The GRUBB Co., Karen Starr 339-0400	Redwood Hts. 3/2 Sun-filled	\$298,500

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7287 Saroni Better Homes, Helen Buty 658-6499	Montclair 4/3 Formal Dining	\$298,000
13062 Greenview Dr. Pacific Union, Georgia Richardson 339-6460	Sequoyah Hills 3bd/2ba	\$297,500
3686 Virden Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Maner 869-4227	Redwood Hts. 3bd/3ba View!	\$297,000
4209 Balfour Ave. Better Homes, Jeff Hilgert 893-7545	Crocker Tudor 3bd/2+ba 1st Open!	\$295,000
5815 Leona St. Corbett Properties 530-4600	Leona Heights 7bd/5+1/2 In-Law	\$289,000
1370 Barrows Road Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460	Crocker 3bd/1+ba	\$287,000
7087 Saroni Drive Gene Devany Realty 339-9791, 482-3955	Fully Landscaped 3bd/2ba	\$285,000
317 Capricorn Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 466-0133	Montclair New Listing	\$285,000
1049 Trestle Glen Better Homes, Harriet Schoen 531-2437	Crocker Bungalow 3bd/1+1/2	\$282,500
3566 Monterey Fox & Carskadon, Susie McGlynn 339-8666	Redwood Heights 3bd/1+1/2	\$279,950
3918 Hanly Road The GRUBB Co., Marion Schwartz 339-0400	Oakmore 3/2 w Rumpus	\$279,000
2201 Mastlands Fox & Carskadon, Victor Fierro 339-8666	Piedmont Pines 2+bd/1+1/2	\$278,000
2201 Mastlands Fox & Carskadon, Victor Fierro 339-8666	Piedmont Pines 2+bd/1+1/2	\$278,000
5655 Miles Wells & Bennett, Charlene Souza 839-7479	Craftsman 3bd/1+1/2	\$269,000
4267 Lakeshore Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174	Reduced!! 3bd/2ba	\$269,000
5638 Thornhill Dr. Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460	Montclair 4bd/3ba	\$269,000
158 Crestmont Dr. Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174	Dramatic View 3/2 Crestmont	\$265,000
4156 Montgomery Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460	Piedmont Pines 3bd/2ba	\$263,000
6660 Heartwood Dr. The Grubb Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400	Montclair 2 bedroom	\$262,500
Leona Park Villas Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460	Campus & Redwood 2bd & 3bd	\$259,995 to \$349,995
4310 Norton Ave. Stephen Ford 530-2074	Redwood Heights 3bd/2ba Fam. Room	\$259,000
59 Sereno Circle Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197	Townhome 2bd/2ba BayView	\$259,000
259 Jayne Ave. The Grubb Co., Angela Grubb 339-0400	Adams Point 3/3 Bungalow	\$259,000
723 Santa Ray Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846	Crocker 3+bd Must See!	\$255,000
4690 Edgewood Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 482-0860	Glenview 4bd Move In!	\$255,000
5131 Desmond St. Pacific Union, Chet Gohd 339-6460	Rockridge 2bd/1ba	\$255,000
6466 Pinehaven Rd. Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460	Montclair 2+bd/2ba	\$249,000
4132 Patterson Better Homes 284-9500, Ted Streeter 283-5760	Redwood Heights 4/2 Lg. Fam. Room	\$249,000
4161 Balfour Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460	Crocker 3+bd/1ba	\$247,000
96 Templar Place Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	Rockridge 3bd/2ba	\$245,000
1475 Hampel The GRUBB Co., Marcia Nebel 339-0400	Glenview 2+bd/1ba	\$245,000
492 Staten #1103 J. T. Ward, Claire Cunningham 845-6021	Overlooking Lake 2/2 View, Security	\$242,500
3735 Maple Better Homes, Carol Cohen 531-4218	Upper Laurel 3bd/2ba +Studio	\$239,500
6348 Heather Ridge Gadsby & Associates, Margaret Gadsby 748-5305	Above Thornhill 2bd Charmer	\$230,000
3446 Margarita Wells & Bennett, Marianne Jamison 655-9615	Peace, Quiet Large 3bd/1+1/2	\$230,000
74 Entrada Ave. The GRUBB Co., Katherine Cooper 339-0400	Just Listed 2/1 Perfect Starter	\$229,000
7110 Homewood Dr. The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400	Contemporary Reduced!!	\$225,000
1124 Hollywood #4 Mason-McDuffie, Amberson McCulloch 834-2010/523-6758	Glenview 3bd Penthouse	\$219,500
3687 Madrone Taboloff Co., Denise Smith 678-6808	Large Yard 3bd/1+1/2	\$218,000
3833 Enos Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653	Split Level Specious 2+bd	\$209,000
3339 Herrier Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860	Redwood Hts. 2+1/2 Starter	\$209,000
3911 Huntington Taboloff Co., Denise Smith 678-6808	Must See! 2+bd/1b Lg. Yard	\$208,000
2819 21st Ave. Mason-McDuffie, Yulanda Fong 834-2010	Victorian 4 bedroom	\$199,999
5416 Broadway Ter. #3 Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	Rockridge 2bd/1+ba	\$199,000
9 Moss Ave. Coldwell Banker, JoAnne Boisvert 339-1174	Space Galore! 4bd/2ba	\$198,000
3945 Canon Ave. Atkinson & Gallinetti 763-9901, C. Johnson 530-7118	Dimond Great Buy 2+1/2 w/ Workshop	\$198,000
446 59th St. Thornwell Properties, Al Jamieson 848-1950	Rockridge 3bd Gourmet Kt.	\$193,000
933 Paterson Ave. The GRUBB Co., Linda E. McClain 339-0400	Upper Laurel 3bd/1ba Starter	\$192,500
534 North St. Corbett Properties 530-4600	North Oakland 2/1 Bungalow	\$180,000
1512 Excelsior Ave. Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460	Glenview 2bd/1ba	\$179,000
659 Fairview Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Oakland 3bd/2ba	\$179,000
2444 Rampart Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Wright 869-4251	Lincoln Heights 2bd/1ba Starter	\$179,000
322 Hanover Ave. #104 The GRUBB Co., Angela Grubb 339-0400	Lake Views 3/2 Frplc, Deck	\$179,000
6568 Simson Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 654-5181	So. Bay View 2+bd Large Lot	\$169,000
6066 Aspinwall Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202	Montclair 4bd Spanish Med.	\$160,000
5332 Hillen Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 530-8211	Maxwell Park 2+ bd Tudor	\$158,000
2978 California Better Homes, Carol Cohen 531-4218	Laurel Lg. 1bd Cul-de-sac	\$155,000
85-85% Linda Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, E. Marshall 869-4218	Piedmont Ave. As Is!	\$150,000

2165 Ransom Wells & Bennett, Michael/Judy 530-4166	Move In Cond!	CA Craftsman
70 Yosemite #303 Wells & Bennett, Frank 654-6461	Top Floor OPEN SAT. 10-11	Spacious 2bd/1ba
6035 Outlook Wells & Bennett, Leo Jacobson 654-5161	Cape Cod	2bd Near Mills
819 E. 18th St. Gadsby & Associates, George Gadsby 748-5300	at Park Blvd.	2/2 Penthouse
3124 Champion St. Pacific Union, Georgia Richardson 339-6460	Dimond	2bd/1ba
6366 Sunnymere Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653	Mills College	2bd Remod Kt
3915 Gardenia Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653	Country Setting	2bd Move In!
6508 Sunnymere Art Realty 465-4805, Carmen 534-0997	Mills College	2bd/1ba Rustic
245 Perkins #54 Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-9102	Immaculate!	Sunny 1bd/1ba
455 Crescent #204 Mason-McDuffie, Gaynell Estle 834-2010	Grand Lake	2bd/1+1/2
ALBANY Open Sunday		
527 Pomona Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Albany	2+bd/1ba
BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4		
18 Alvarado Rd. J. T. Ward Realtors 845-6021	New Listing!	3bd/2+1/2 Tudor
27 Domingo Ave. J. T. Ward Realtors 845-6021	Sunny Garden	5b/2b Location!
905 Spruce St. Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Steve Fong 263-4557	North Berkeley	3bd/2ba
1987 Marin Ave. Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460	Berkeley	4bd/1+ba
1440 Bonita Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	3+bd/1+ba
1544 Oxford Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	5bd/2ba
1852 Virginia Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	4bd/2ba
807 San Diego Rd. Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460	Berkeley	2bd/1+ba
1606 Rose Berkeley Hills Realty, Sandra Kennedy 524-2290	at McGee	3bd/1ba
1505 Juanita Way Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174	Corner Lot	2bd/1+1/2 2 Story
643 Cragmont Thornwall Properties 848-1950	Normandy Cottage	No. Berkeley
1346 Sacramento Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	3bd/2ba
1310 Kains Red Oak Realty, Sara 527-3387 X-105	Remod. 2 Story	2bd/1+1/2
2422 Byron Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	2bd/1ba
1816 Delaware Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460	Berkeley	1bd/1ba TIC
1213 Masonic Ave. Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460	Berkeley	2bd/1ba
1312 67th St. Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	3bd/1ba
1329 Ashby Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	2+bd/2ba
1825 Vine Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Berkeley	1bd/1ba
DANVILLE Open Sunday		
18 Saddleback Ct. Better Homes, Beth DeAtley 531-7006	Blackhawk	Large 4+bd, Pool
EL CERRITO Open Sunday		
1012 Havens Coldwell Banker 486-1495	El Cerrito	5bd/3ba
5431 Hillside Security Pacific, Magary Abbas 233-7329	El Cerrito	2+ bedrooms
5801 Columbia James Realty, 524-3702, 525-9672	El Cerrito	2bd/1ba Hot Tub
EMERYVILLE Open Sunday		
5921 Vallejo St. Red Oak Realty, Sara 527-3387 X-105	Two houses	Fronts 2 Streets
43 Emery Bay Coldwell Banker 486-1495	Emeryville	2bd/1ba
EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday		
5494 Cabrillo Sur Coldwell Banker 486-1495	El Sobrante	3bd/2+ba
HERCULES Open Sunday		
169 Oxford St. Red Oak Realty, Denise 527-3387 X-106	Mint Condition	Foxboro 3b/2b
KENSINGTON Open Sunday		
32-A Sunset Dr. Fox & Carskadon, W. Kashiwa/J.R. Long 339-8666	Kensington	4+bd/3ba
PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm		
101 Huntleigh Rd. The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400	1 1/2 Acres	Elegant!
317 Ramona Ave. Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460	Piedmont	4bd/2+ba
1 Sotelo Ave. Realtor 254-4385	Piedmont	3bd/1ba
49 Bonita Ave. The GRUBB Co., Sandy Vogl 339-0400	New Listing	3bd/2+1/2b Patio
319 Blair Ave. The GRUBB Co., Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400	Traditional	3+bd/1+1/2ba
136 Sandringham The GRUBB Co., Cheryl Knickerbocker 339-0400	Reduced!	3bd/3ba
187 St. James Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653	Bergain!	5bd/3ba Bay View
18 Calvert Court Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460	Piedmont	3bd/2+ba
160 Oak Road Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460	Piedmont	3bd/2+ba
226 Palm Drive Pacific Union, Melanie Powers 339-6460	Piedmont	3+bd/2ba
333 San Carlos The GRUBB Co., Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400	Central Loc.	With Views
1086 Ranleigh Mason-McDuffie, Arlene Berner 845-0211	Nds Updating	3bd/1ba
SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday		
1639 Estudillo Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174	Distress Sale	3/3 Consider Lease!

403 Childcare Wanted

EXPERIENCED full-time individual for children ages 3 and 6. Piedmont. Childcare plus laundry, dinner preparation, errands, light housekeeping. California driver's license, references, non-smoker, 869-2585

MINIMAL 5 hours week childcare for 3 year old, pick up at preschool, 5:00 Thursdays, care for her until 7:00. Three more hours week. flexible. Albany, 524-9008

405 Childcare - Licensed

OVER The Rainbow Daycare Warm stimulating environment preschool activities. License #010208900 Montclair, Deborah Yugo 339-2066

BAMBOLE Childcare in Berkeley, has openings from 8 a.m. References 525-2126. License #010215011

CHILDCARE in Albany Preschool curriculum in a loving home environment. License #010213312 Two teachers 525-2763

CHILDCARE in Skyline area. 21-months and older. Outside playground. License 010206795

LITTLE Angel's Childcare. Day evening, weekend, loving home, near El Cerrito BART Plaza #010215291 528-1884

406 Babysitters & Au Pairs

BABYSITTER available beginning August, full-time, share preferred, ages 3 months to 3 years. Your home, references available. 601-0953

407 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 402.

ELDERLY care: Live-in/out, day/night, 10 years experience. References, driver's license, own car 261-8595

HOME health care for elderly. Companionship with experience. Part-time. Call 510-601-6790 or 635-6133

A CARING CONNECTION
Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

409 Work Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work Career Center 548-5627

HATE ironing? I'll do it for you. 451-7515 for more information

I can help you! Housekeeping, errands, house-sitting, pet care. Excellent references. Reasonable rates. Joanne 530-5080

410 Salon Opportunities

AVAILABLE Full-time assistant position. Good wages and tips. Excellent opportunity for continuous education. Janine, 339-3700

HAIRDRESSERS/Manicurists needed for upscale salon. Call 339-1365 or leave message

Financial**502 Business Opportunities**

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?
Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

SHOWCASE your personal designs, clothing, accessories and gift items in fashionable boutique. Call 510-835-4457

SNACK VENDING, tremendous cash profits. Excellent locations, everything included. \$7,340 takes it! 1-800-725-1557, 24 hours

COLUMBIA Gorge Small engine repair shop. Same Washington location 10 years 3000 sq. ft. building \$75,000 plus inventory. Call Ted 509-493-1280. Leave message

505 Money To Loan

10-5% QUICK private real estate loans, no qualifying, 65% loan to value. 215-5566

For Sale**601 Antiques & Art**

ANTIQUE Lighting repair and restoration by Victor. Custom lampshade recovering by Susan. For appointment, 528-5351

REGENCY Antique Restoration. You deserve to have your family's furniture restored to its natural splendor and usefulness. (It's not that expensive.) Call for a no obligation estimate. Free Pick-up and delivery. 510-814-8658

EARLY American hutch with wood bends, country school desk and more. Excellent values \$30-3676

602 Appliances

WASHERS and dryers. Kenmore/Whirlpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Delivery available. 548-4419 anytime

FRIGIDAIRE 22 cu ft 66"36" Side by Side refrigerator/freezer \$300 \$54-7093

KENMORE portable washer and dryer. No hook-up required. Good condition, \$200 \$21-1764

Vintage Gas Stoves
Wedgewood, O'Keefe, etc. Repaired and sold. 14 years experience. Licensed 841-8711

REFRIGERATOR, 6 month old Amana, 22 cu. ft., bottom mount, \$1100 new, sell \$700 1950's Wedgewood, overy/broiler, \$500 652-3241

603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?
See Clip 'n Go Classifieds Free

605 Home Furnishings

Discount prices on custom Sunflex mini-blinds and Louverdrap pleated shades. Draperies too. Free estimates and installation. Marsh Interiors, 569-7540

MATTRESS Sets, Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa-bed, \$299. Sofa w/ love-seat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990

LARGE solid oak desk: needs refinishing, \$100. Antique overstuffed armchair, comfortable and elegant. \$200. 549-1336

Full sized bed with frame, excellent condition \$125 or best offer. 763-5572

LAFAYETTE house full of furniture and appliances. Job transfer, must sacrifice. Call for recorded list and prices. 254-7629

MODERN white chaise, 3 loose back pillows, left rent, \$600. Call Cathy 893-0735

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395 866-8127

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339-8777

605 Home Furnishings

ANTIQUE walnut desk, swivel chair, dresser. Youth bedroom set. 2 couches, 1 easy chair, ash desk. Dresser, hexagonal table, workbench, cabinet, rollaway, futon mattress. 865-1772

DINING set, Walnut buffet, 8 high backed padded chairs, 6 buffet small cabinet, excellent condition \$1500/best offer. 843-6113

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club, Swim Fitness membership. \$425. Call 830-8522

The Hills membership. Dues paid for July. Best offer over \$2000. 524-0772

Piedmont Swim Club membership, \$1000. Whirlpool dryer, Kenmore washer \$650 (both). Commercial air conditioner \$300/best offer 655-4698, after 6

TWO Brown Jordan chaise lounges, light green, \$900. Mrs. Weaver, 848-0246

NIKON FE with Tokina 35-200mm lens/ and case \$400 or best offer. 530-0791

KAYAK, 12 ft, good condition. \$250 or best offer. 523-5744.

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club, tennis, swim and fitness, family/couple/ single membership. \$750. Norm, 415-556-6764

MONTCLAIR Swim Club Membership \$250. Penny or Bruce, 339-6258, leave message

SPILT pine firewood, \$25 a truck load, you haul \$31-1091

THREE large office desks, \$30 each 339-3930, Dick

ANTIQUE metal stick stampers, metal that purchased for studio, call 531-3612. Found, disks and sign

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED: An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. ives- 547-1278

ESTATES PURCHASED
Thoughtful, professional services. Call Agency Services, 769-8901

NEED Clean dirt for fill. Will pay for delivery. Easy access. Asph/rawl, off Thornhill. 339-1871

608 Musical Instruments

STEINWAY M grand piano, \$13,000. Chickering Miniature Grand \$3000. Beautiful condition. Benjamin Treuhart, 843-3823

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755 HOMES FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

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\$2350 PIEDMONT/ Wildwood Gardens, 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, appliances, fireplace, gardener. Lease. References, deposit. \$62 0682, leave message. Agent inquiries invited

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\$1265 SPACIOUS 4 bedroom home, lots of woodwork, fireplace, basement, off Park Blvd. 261-0330

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\$2000 NORTH Oakland 4 bedroom, Fireplace, deck, laundry, pets considered, off College. #52665-B Homefinders, 549-6450

\$2000 PIEDMONT 4+ bedroom, 2 bath, level yard, gardener, Beach School. September 1-August 1, 1994. Non-smokers, no pets. 655-5060

\$2150 LEASE/Attractive lease option. Ridgmont 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with huge yard. Agent 451-1184

\$2400 PIEDMONT large, ideal family, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, modern kitchen, skylights, hardwoods, formal dining room, family room, hot-tub. The Prudential Landmark Real Estate. 287-9986

\$2750 FIVE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, newly remodeled, very secluded, several entrances, swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, fireplace, hardwood floors, attic, wheelchair ramp. Responsible tenants. Available July. Lease 339-6366

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This business is conducted by Individuals.
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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 28, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3490
The following person is doing business as Midas Construction Company, 7104 Blake St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Jie Ping Kwong, 7104 Blake St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 4, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3156
The following person is doing business as The New Day Group, 1953 Stratton Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
John Buckhart, 1953 Stratton Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 19, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3668
The following person is doing business as Bridge To The Soul, 3817 San Pablo Dam Road, Suite 310, El Sobrante, CA 94803-2878.
Kenton Lane, 4669 Elmwood Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803-3112.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 14, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3261
The following persons are doing business as World of Words & Graphics, 645 Berk Avenue, #11, Richmond, CA 94804.
Nayara I. Lacy, 645 Berk Avenue, #11, Richmond, CA 94804.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3701
The following persons are doing business as Geni Communications, 625 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Eric F. Miller, 625 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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File No. 93-3297
The following person is doing business as Knowledge Factory, 60 Shoreline Court, Richmond, CA 94804.
Brend Diane McNeill, 60 Shoreline Court, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 25, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3317
The following person is doing business as Coffees, 261 Hidden Creek Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.
Bevera Donner, 261 Hidden Creek Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 26, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3699
The following person is doing business as Winsome Enterprises, 1712 Wesley Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Cho-Hung Chiu, 1712 Wesley Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 15, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 1, 8, 15, 22, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3497
The following persons are doing business as Quality Medical Transcription, 921 Sassel Ave., Concord, CA 94518.
Marie A. Perri, 921 Sassel Ave., Concord, CA 94518.

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File No. 93-3813
The following person is doing business as Personnel Resource Network, 3744 Mt. Diablo Blvd., #212, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Barbara Freet, 1030 Via Nueva, Lafayette, CA 94549.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 21, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3787
The following person is doing business as Grease Monkey of El Cerrito, 10175 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
James Richard Stewart, 3602 Idlewild Ave., Napa, CA 94558.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 18, 1993.
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File No. 93-3434
The following person is doing business as 1) Write Source (The 2) Copying Copy, 1339 El Cortado Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Barbara A. Koeth, 1339 El Cortado Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

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File No. 93-3433
The following person is doing business as 1) Construction Survey 2) Construction Staking, 1339 El Cortado Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Steven S. Lally, 1339 El Cortado Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

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File No. 93-3354
The following person is doing business as SEA Enterprises, P.O. Box 219, 479 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville, CA 94526.
Don C. Nicks, 101 Fairmont Ave. #7, Oakland, CA 94611.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3773
The following person is doing business as Leave It To Me, 1018 Everett St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Winona E. Holl, 1018 Everett St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 17, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 1, 8, 15, 22, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3878
The following person is doing business as Joe's Auto Sales, 2644 Appian Way, Suite 103, Pinole, CA 94564.
Joseph Edward Pufka, 2267 Highlands Rd., San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 23, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 1, 8, 15, 22, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3833
The following person is doing business as Color Tile of Pinole, 1430 Fitzgerald Dr., Pinole, CA 94644.
Reginald P. Williams, 306 Canterbury Ct., Alamo, CA 94507.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 22, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 1, 8, 15, 22, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3880
The following persons are doing business as Joe Huang and Associates, 6720 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Joe Huang, 6720 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Teresa Chow, 6720 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by Individuals.
-Husband and Wife
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 23, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 1, 8, 15, 22, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3528
The following person is doing business as Golden Bay Enterprises, 6107 Orchard Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.
Phyllis A. Beach, 6107 Orchard Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 7, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 8, 15, 22, 29, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3574
The following person is doing business as East Bay Translation Services, 980 Barkley Ct., Pinole, CA 94564.
Anna Warner, 980 Barkley Ct., Pinole, CA 94564.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 8, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 8, 15, 22, 29, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3666
The following persons are doing business as Japanese Craftsman, 2056 Essena Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Shirlee Jean Furutani, 2056 Essena Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by Individuals.
-Husband and Wife
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 14, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 8, 15, 22, 29, 1993.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Albany City Council has scheduled a public hearing for **MONDAY, JULY 26, 1993, at 8:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California.

To discuss an increase in the City's Sewer Service Fee.

Persons interested and desiring to be heard should be present at the time and place mentioned above, or send written comments to the City Council at 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL.
JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

Posted: City Hall, Library & Fire Dept.
Published: The Journal, Thursday July 15, 1993.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Albany City Council has scheduled a public hearing for **MONDAY, JULY 26, 1993, at 8:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California.

To discuss the possible implementation of a Storm Drain Environmental Services Fee.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3874
The following persons are doing business as Telespace, 96 North Rancho Place, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Kin Hung Wong, 96 North Rancho Place, El Sobrante, CA 94803.

Lining Deng, 2073 Rapallo Way, W. Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 23, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-4075
The following person is doing business as The Health Station, 11780 San Pablo #193, Suite 402-C, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Brenda L. Smithey, 2856 Garvin Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 2, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-4068
The following persons are doing business as Commercial Lighting solutions, 3440 Yosemite Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Brent M. Haddad, 3440 Yosemite Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Moyara M. Ruehsen, 3440 Yosemite Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by a Individuals.
-Husband and Wife
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 2, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3842
The following persons are doing business as Springhill Guest House, 1387 Springhill, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Joseph Gianno, 2080 Greenwood Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070.

Rosanne Gianno, 2080 Greenwood Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070.

Public Notices

This business is conducted by a Individuals.
-Husband and Wife
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 22, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3648
The following person is doing business as A Safe Happy Place, 85 Beth Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Margaret E. Dutton, 85 Beth Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 11, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3653
The following person is doing business as Weal Books, 3298 Sweet Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Carolyn A. Radtiff, 3298 Sweet Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 14, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3853
The following person is doing business as Harold Market, 1900 Market Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806.
Jung Ja Lim, 930 Leonard way, Hayward, CA 94541.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 22, 1993.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3577
The following person is doing business as 1 Stampatolic's Anonymous, 2 American Custom Arts, 9 Affordable Stamping, 15 Dalton Ct., Pacheco, CA 94553.
DeAnn Bologna, 15 Dalton Ct., Pacheco, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on July 1, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3577
The following person is doing business as International Specialties Group, 5479 Carriage Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Weng, Ching-yu, 5479 Carriage Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 8, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 8, 15, 22, 29, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3969
The following person is doing business as Travemates Tours, 1776 Laguna St. #302, Concord, CA 94520.
Richard Dale Gordon, 1776 Laguna St. #302, Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 29, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-4025
The following person is doing business as Card-service Northwest, 39699 Balentine Dr., Ste #125, Newark, CA 94560.
U S Merchant Systems, Inc. (same as above)

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 30, 1993.
Publish The Journal July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 1993.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-3735
The following person is doing business as Information Provider, 2031 Dunn Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.
P.O. Box 306, Richmond, CA 94808.
Seng Eng Chao, 2031 Dunn Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
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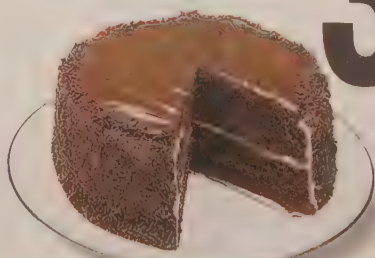
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• 26 oz

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- Mrs. Wright's
• White, Wheat
• 1.5 lbs

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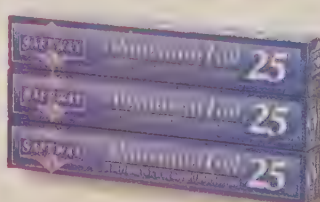


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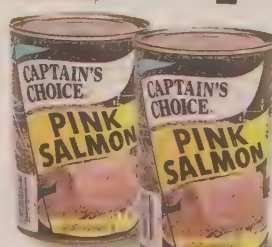


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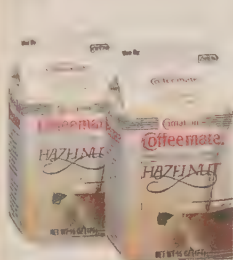
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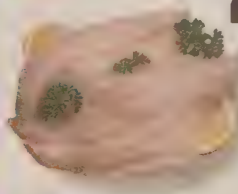


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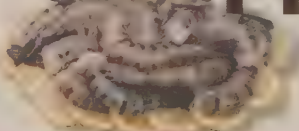
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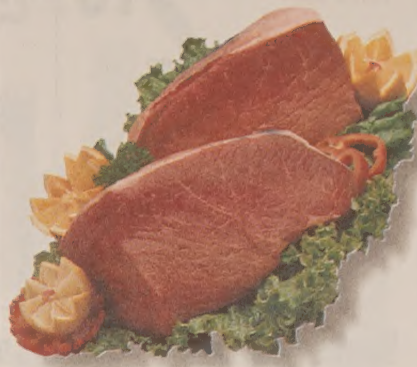


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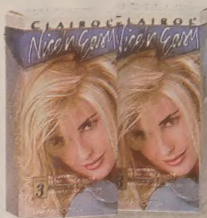


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